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U. S. SCORES BIG SUCCESS IN PHILIPPINES

MacArthur's Attack On Jap Front In Luzon

Dutch Aircraft Secure Hits On Enemy Convoy

Seven Ships Sunk And Twelve Damaged: Several Tokio Planes Destroyed

WASHINGTON, January 25.

It is reported that Gen. MacArthur's forces have scored a smashing success in heavy counter-attacks on the extreme right of the Luzon battle line.

Batavia.—A large Japanese convoy attempting to pass southward through the Macassar Strait was constantly attack by Allied naval and air forces during the last 48 hours, states a South-West Pacific Command communique.

The ships were sunk, four probably sunk and twelve others damaged adds the communique.

American 'flying fortresses attacked' by enemy fighters shot down five of them without loss.

JAPS LAND IN BALIK PAPAN

Japanese troops have landed in Kendari and Balik Papan, it is officialy stated.

An N. E. I. communique announcing the Japanese landings states that strong resistance is being offered by defenders.

DUTCH BOMBERS ATTACK JAP SHIPS

It is learned that Dutch bombers to-day resumed attacks on Japanese ships off Balik-Papan scoring four direct hits with bombs of 300 kilogrammes on two cruisers and one transport.

The first 'communique' issued by the General Headquarters of the South-west Pacific Command states:

"During the past 48 hours a large enemy convoy, which was attempting to pass southward through the MaCassar Strait, has been subjected to constant attacks by Allied naval and air forces. Dutch aircraft began the action in the afternoon the 23rd, when they scored a total of twelve direct hits with heavy and medium bombs on eight Japanese ships. The attack was resumed on January 24 by both Dutch and American aircraft and by American naval forces.

HEAVY ENEMY LOSS

During the air attack two large Japanese transports are known to have been sunk and two severely damaged while a direct hit was scored on a Japanese destroyer. During the naval action against the convoy one Japanese transport blew up and another was left in a sinking condition.

Bad visibility prevented full observation of the results of the attacks, which were undoubtedly very serious for one ship.

A conservative estimate of enemy total losses during this series of engagements is three ships sunk, four probably sunk and no less than twelve damaged.

8 JAP PLANES DESTROYED

During the operations a force of 'Flying Fortresses' of the United States Army Force was attacked by twelve enemy fighters. Five of these fighters were shot down without loss to ourselves. Almost simultaneously Dutch aircraft in another part of the theatre shot down three and damaged two enemy aircraft, while ground defence accounted for three more. One Dutch officer pilot shot down two Japanese aircraft in succession.

Losses inflicted on this Japanese convoy are the heaviest he has suffered in any single operation since the war began."

Japanese Land At Kendari And Balik Papan

A Communique issued on Sunday by the N. E. I. fighting services states: "Japanese troops landed at Kendari and Balikpapan. Our troops are offering strong resistance but further particulars are not available for the moment.

During the last days of the past week the enemy has been especially active over various places in the outer Provinces. Yesterday morning amongst others Ambon and its vicinity was bombed with little result for the enemy.

Furthermore bombing and machine-gunning took place in the east of the N. E. I. Archipelago at Sorong, Namlea and Manokwari. Although the enemy carried out dive-bombing, little material damage was done but these attacks caused several victims among women and Children. One woman was killed and one seriously wounded, while one child was killed and two slightly wounded. At Halong eleven persons were killed.

ENEMY TRANSPORT ON FIRE

As already stated in a special announcement bombers of the N. E. I. military air force yesterday attacked Japanese ships off Balikpapan. One direct hit and some near hits were scored on a large passenger-ship which capsized. Another large transport ship sustained one heavy direct hit alongside, while three near hits were scored on the same ship. Furthermore one destroyer was hit. There were no losses on our side.

In addition to this announcement it can be stated that our pursuit planes shot down two enemy fighters.

The eight Japanese ships, which were hit during the first bombardment mentioned in the Communique of January 24 were all left burning.

A.-A. TAKES GOOD TOLL

An aerodrome in the outer provinces was twice attacked by enemy fighters. Our anti-aircraft machines guns shot two attackers out of the air, while anti-aircraft artillery probably shot down one of the fighters and damaged two others. Apart from this our own fighters shot down two enemy fighters.

In the course of last week it was announced that a large number of Japanese aircraft attacked Palemburg. The attacking aircraft were not fighters, as was wrongly announced but bombers These bombers have been strongly attacked by our fighters, which presumably shot down one enemy aircraft and severely damaged several others.

Aircraft of the Royal Netherlands Navy again bombed military establishments at Kuching."

Japanese Land In Karieng

MELBOURNE, Jan. 25.

The Army Minister, Mr. Forde, announced that reports indicate that Japanese marines landed at Kavieng. They wrecked all buildings not previously demolished by Australian forces.

Australian troops are now holding positions in western end of the Rabaul Peninsula.

LAE EVACUATED

Lae in New Guinea was severely dive-bombed and machine-gunned by Japanese planes on January 22. The evacuation of Lae has now been completed. Our militia forces have definitely been in action for the first time in the history of Australia against an invading force, although a proportion of the troops belong to the Australian Imperial Forces.

Reports of actual fighting, Mr. Forde added, are meagre but Australian troops are putting up a magnificent fight against Japanese invaders.

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT BUSY

Mr. Drakeford announced that Australian flying-boats last night attacked enemy naval units in Rabaul harbour. Some hits were observed.—Reuter.

AXIS LINER SUNK

R. A. F. Attack On Convoy In Mediterranean

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Our planes have made a successful attack on a large enemy convoy in the Mediterranean, which included one liner, several large merchant ships and destroyers. The liner is reported to be of 20,000 tons.

Our planes recorded hits on the liner and one destroyer. By the end of the day the whole convoy came to a standstill.

The next morning when our planes saw the convoy dispersed, there was no indication of the presence of the liner.

RAID ON MALTA

Malta was again attacked by enemy planes and one Junkers 88 was shot down and other planes damaged by our fighters.—Reuter.

CALL TO RUMANIANS TO "END THE WAR"

MOSCOW, Jan. 25.

An "end the war" appeal to the Rumanian people has been made by a conference of Rumanian prisoners of war in Russia.

Rumanians at home are urged to form guerilla detachments and fight the Germans by all means at their disposal. Rumanian troops are told to desert and return home.

Over 870 Rumanian prisoner delegates took part in the Conference, which was held at the ninety-ninth prisoners of war camp.—Reuter.

TWO SHIPS SUNK IN BAY OF BENGAL

RANGOON, Jan. 25.

IT IS LEARNED THAT TWO MERCHANTSHIPS HAVE BEEN SUNK BY ENEMY ACTION IN THE BAY OF BENGAL.

THE SURVIVORS LANDED IN EURMA AND IT IS HOPED TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS LATER SAYS AN OFFICIAL BULLETIN.—A.P.

U. S. Communique On Philippine Success

WASHINGTON: Jan. 25.

A War Department Communique announces:

The full text of the War Department Communique reads: "Heavy enemy attacks was made on the left flank of Gen. MacArthur's troops in the Bataan Peninsula on January 24 and 25. Among the hostile troops participating in the assault were many who landed at night in the Subic Bay and on the west coast of the Peninsula. There were heavy enemy infiltrations along the beaches and in the mountain passes. Naval vessels and aircraft, including a small number of heavy bombers supported the enemy attack.

ARTILLERY DOES IT

"Under this pressure the defending troops were forced to give ground with considerable losses. At this juncture Gen. MacArthur launched a heavy counter-attack on his extreme right, scoring a smashing success. His powerful concentration of 155 millimetre artillery fired with deadly accuracy on enemy lines. American anl Philippino troops then charged. They found the Japanese infantry completely disorganised. Enemy troops fled from their positions leaving hundreds of dead and large quantities of supplies and equipment on the battle field.

"This brilliant manoeuvre was to relieve the pressure on the left. The situation is now temporarily stabilized. However, a renewed attack by the enemy may be expected as soon as reorganisation has been effected.

"There is nothing to report from other areas".—Reuter.

MACARTHUR ACCUSES JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.

General MacArthur has accused the Japanese invaders of the Philippines of mistreating prisoners, states the War Department.—Reuter

GERMAN NAVAL OFFICER EXPLAINS IT.

LONDON:—The diversion of U-Boats to the Mediterranean "in support of General Rommel" was given as one reason for the reduction in the sinkings of Allied shipping by a German naval officer broadcasting from the German radio station at Stuttgart to-day. He admitted that the "policy of the Allies in sending ships in large convoys is making the task of the U-boats more difficult."—Reuter.

R. A. F. SWOOP ON BANGKOK

Power-House, Searchlights And Anti-Aircraft Batteries Hit

RANGOON, Jan. 25.

It is unofficially learnt that our heavy bombers made a very successful raid on Bangkok last night. Heavy bombs were dropped on many targets including the power-house. Searchlights, A.A. Batteries and other military objectives were machine-gunned from low level and important damage inflicted.

This is the scond raid of its kind on Bangkok this month.

Many important targets were blasted with heavy bombs with visible results, it is now reported. Other objectives, such as anti-aircraft batteries, were machine-gunned from the ground.—A.P.

THAI DECLARES WAR ON U. S. AND BRITAIN

BERLIN, Jan. 25.

Thailand has declared war on Britain and the United States, it is officially announced in Bangkok to-day, says a Bangkok telegram to the official German News Agency

BOMBAY: According to the Singapore radio, Bangkok radio has announced that Thailand declared war on Britain and the United States at noon today.

R. A. F.'s Daylight Sweep

R. A. F. fighters are believed to have harassed the enemy in Northern France during to-day.

They have been very active over the Straits of Dover and formations of aircraft were seen returning from the direction of Northern France on a number of occasions. Many Spitfires came in flying at about 20,000 feet.

Activity has been on a bigger scale than for some time.—Reuter.

Hope For Jewry

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister, in a message to the annual conference of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland in London to-day declared:

"Now more than ever the fortune of the world Jewry stands or falls with the victory of the causes of freedom-loving peoples everywhere."

"Your work for Palestine in the past have commended my admiration and respect," he added, "and I look forward to the days when re-establishment of the reign of law among nations will enable you to set free all your energies again for this work. Until that day dawns I wish you every encouragement in the battle for freedom against Nazi tyranny".

CHURCHILL PROMISES

Australia's Demand For War Supplies And Creation Of Pacific War Council

MELBOURNE, Jan. 25.

Mr. Forde, the acting Premier, has received a message from Mr. Churchill promising that Australia's requests for additional war supplies and also creation of an Imperial Pacific War Council will receive immediate and careful consideration by British Government.

OTHER DOMINIONS TO BE CONSULTED?

LONDON:—Government are giving urgent consideration to Mr. Curtin's claim for the representation of Australia in the Imperial War Cabinet, learns Reuter's political correspondent, but there will have to be consultations with other Dominions before any decisions can be reached.

There is a feeling that efforts will be made to meet the special needs of Australia at the present time.

The problem of Australian representation on the War Cabinet was raised by Mr. Menzies on his visit to this country some time ago but was not found to be practicable. The only way in which any Dominion Government could have effective representation in the War Cabinet would be its Prime Minister were present at the meetings.

In view of the changing situation today it would be difficult for a Dominion Prime Minister to be absent from his country for very long and if a deputy were appointed in his place, he would obviously not have full plenary powers and would have to communicate with his Government before any important decision was taken. This would inevitably lead to delay and would not be any improvement on the present situation by which decisions and views of the War Cabinet are conveyed to the Dominions Governments through the Dominions Secretary and the Dominion High Commissioners.

PACIFIC WAR COUNCIL

The other Australian claim that a Pacific War Council should be established is a matter that affect not only the Dominions and this country but also the United States, China and Holland and consultations would have to take place between all parties before the decision can be arrived at the end. —Reuter.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.

The Australian Minister in Washington Mr. Casey to-day handed President Roosevelt a letter from the Australian Prime Minister Mr. Curtin who had appealed to the United States for planes and other fighting equipment to repel Japan's southward advance.

Mr. Casey smiled but, was noncommittal when reporters asked whether Mr. Curtin's letter reiterated that appeal.—Reuter.

Chinese Air Force Makes Day-Light Attack On Hanoi

Chungking Troops Massing On Thai Border: Triple Drive Against Japs: U. S. Pilots Score

BOMBAY, Jan. 25.

According to Chungking Radio, to-day's Chinese war 'communique' reports that the Chinese Air Force has carried out another successful daylight attack on the enemy air base on Hanoi, the capital of French Indo-China.

Hanoi Bombed

Seventy Chinese planes including bombers with a strong fighter escort, flew over the Japanese-controlled French colony yesterday morning, braving difficult weather conditions. Reconnaissance was made, while all targets were photographed. The Chinese air squadron appeared over Hanoi at noon, encountering no resistance from the enemy. Over 200 explosives were dropped on the enemy aerodrome and other military objectives. Huge columns of smoke were seen at a great distance, and all the raiders returned safely to their base.

TRIPLE ATTACK

Meanwhile, the Chinese armies are continued their attacks on various fronts in East and North Hunan, Southwestern Shansi and East Kwangtung.

On the Eastern Hunan front, the Chinese are increasing their pressure on the beleaguered enemy garrison at Anhwahsien. On Thursday afternoon, they delivered devastating blows to the Japanese reinforcements from Tocheng, in Anhwahsien's outskirts. Over 200 casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

RAILWAY STATION STORMED

On the North Hunan front, the Chinese stormed the railway station at Chisien with another unit striking simultaneously at an enemy outpost in the vicinity one night last week. The Japanese sustained heavy losses. An armoured train from the south was beaten back by Chinese fire.

On the South-west Shansi front in North China, a Chinese unit carried out several local attacks on the enemy near Chengting in the course of last week.

On the East Kwangtung front in South China, enemy attacks south of Chauowan were repulsed by Chinese forces on Wednesday.

Massing On Thai Border

Mass movements of Chinese troops are occurring in Yunnan and upon the Siamese (Thailand) frontier, according to Chinese despatches reaching here to-day.

U. S. PILOTS SCORE CENTURY OF JAP. PLANES.

CHUNGKING:—American volunteer pilots in China are nearing the destruction of their first hundred Japanese planes. The group headquarters, which has been established in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan, announces that so far they have shot down for certain 45 Japanese aircraft in air combats and destroyed 33 more on the ground.

The American pilots wear Chinese uniform, attend special Chinese classes and are very popular among the local Chinese civilians. Their leader is Col. Claire L. Cheunautt. It is learned that he declined to accept a recent promotion from Washington to the rank of Brigadier-General, United States Air Corps, on the ground that since he was now serving with the Chinese Air Force any promotion should come from Chungking.

Hundred Million For Chinese Refugees

CHUNGKING: Jan. 25.

The Chinese Government has appropriated one hundred million dollars for the relief of Chinese war refugees returning to China from the South Sea countries. It is estimated that during the past month overseas Chinese, who arrived in Kwangtung Province, totalled 700,000.—Reuter.

Br. Troops Attack Japs North Of Kluang

Cut-Off Forces Of Indians And Australians Rejoin Main Bodies

Alerts In Several Areas In Burma—Governor Takes Up University Control

SINGAPORE, January 25.

British troops maintained their positions in Malaya despite heavy Japanese pressure and attacked the enemy north of Kluang, states a 'communique.'

The 'communique' adds that considerable numbers of Australians and Indians, cut off at Parit Sulong, have now rejoined the main British bodies.

British Troops Hold Positions

A Far East War 'communique' on Sunday announces: "Since yesterday our troops have maintained their positions in the face of heavy Japanese pressure supported by continuous fighter and bomber attacks.

In the east at Mersing, enemy ground activity has been confined to patrolling and has been considerably harassed by our artillery.

In the centre, north of Kluang our forces attacked the enemy with some success yesterday afternoon. Japanese aircraft were active throughout the day. Our aircraft carried out normal patrols in support of our forward troops.

In the Batu Pahat area fighting continues. Considerable numbers of Australian and Indian troops, who were cut off in the Parit Sulong area and have had to be supplied by air, have now rejoined our main bodies after bitter fighting.

During the night aircraft of the Far East Command carried out heavy and successful attack on military objectives at Labis. Several tons of bombs were dropped from low altitudes and caused considerable damage and started a number of fires.

Hits were observed on railway lines and on road and railway junction, where a bridge appeared to be demolished.

Our fighters intercepted and drove off a force of enemy bombers over Johore this morning. When engaged, enemy aircraft jettisoned their bombs and withdrew. One enemy aircraft was probably destroyed and three others damaged. All our aircraft returned safely from these operations.

RAID ON SINGAPORE

Enemy aircraft raided Singapore Island to-day and some bombs were dropped. Preliminary reports show casualties and damage were negligible.

First Wavell Communique

LONDON: The Communique from the Netherlands Government Information Bureau, stated to be issued by General Headquarters of the South-west Pacific Command is assumed to have been issued with the consent of Gen. Wavell, although it has not yet reached London through the usual channels. If so, it is the first Communique issued by Gen. Wavell since taking over the South-west Pacific Command.

On Moulmein Front

BOMBAY: According to Rangoon radio, reports from the Moulmein front state that forces have been fighting vigorously with the enemy. Initially, the enemy attacks were repulsed, but later he continued to advance by sheer weight of numbers. Our troops maintained their position and inflicted such losses on the enemy that they were able to withdraw by night to pre-arranged positions.

It has now been revealed that Chinese reinforcements have recently been pouring into Burma.

AIR RAIDS ON RANGOON

The Royal Air Force Communique received this evening records air operations upto 5-30 p.m. yesterday.

The Communique reports that there were two enemy raids on the Rangoon area yesterday. In the first raid, 30 fighters and seven bombers attacked an aerodrome near Rangoon. Only slight damage was done. Figures are not yet available as to the number of enemy planes destroyed or shot down. But it is believed that seven bombers and three fighters were shot down, and three fighters probably destroyed.

In the second raid, enemy aircraft attempted to attack the aerodrome, but were dispersed by our fighters. There was no damage and there were no casualties.

According to the Rangoon radio, the loss of one of our machines, reported previously has now turned out be untrue. Thus, in both actions, we crippled the enemy without loss to ourselves.

So far it is difficult to confirm enemy losses in aircraft, says a report from headquarters.

SHARP BLOWS DEALT

In the last night's raid on Bangkok together with the heavy raid carried out by Chinese aircraft on Hanoi, in French Indo-China, the Japanese have received sharp blows. To-day the Chinese press urges on the Chungking Government to launch an immediate attack on Indo-China.

SUNDAY'S ALERTS

The Communique issued by the Civil Defence Department reports that there were air raid warnings in several areas on Sunday. During the twenty-four hours ending at 6 o'clock this morning very small casualties but no damage were reported.

Rangoon had an air raid warning this morning lasting for a short time, but no enemy planes appeared and no bombs were dropped on the area.

FINAL FIGURES OF CASUALTIES

According to the Rangoon radio, today's Communique issued by the Civil Defence Commissioner concerning the casualties in the two raids carried out by the Japanese on Rangoon on December 23 and 25 gives the following figures:—

Killed 1,102.

Wounded 1,650.

The Communique further says that the figure of persons killed in the abovementioned two raids is correct, because persons who died in the hospitals later, were also included in this figure. However, the figure concerning the wounded is only approximate, as, due to heavy rush in the hospitals, the exact figure could not be obtained.

Governor Takes Over University

RANGOON:—All rights, privileges, powers, functions and duties of the authorities of the Rangoon University will cease under the University of Rangoon Act Temporary Suspension Ordinance promulgated by the Governor. The Ordinance also provides that the assets and liabilities of the University will vest in and be taken over by the Governor.

A Gazette notification explains that the Governor is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action for the purpose of enabling him satisfactorily to discharge his functions under the Government of Burma Act. Dr. U. Set is appointed Chief Administrative Officer of the University.

Mr. James Baxter, Financial Adviser, has been appointed with authority to decide the principles of berthing, unloading and shipping at the Port of Rangoon. He will be assisted by an advisory committee.

'WE SHALL HOLD SINGAPORE'

Governor's Assurance To Br. Ambassador In Chungking

BOMBAY, Jan. 25.

ACCORDING TO THE SINGAPORE RADIO, "WE SHALL HOLD SINGAPORE" WAS THE ASSURANCE CABLED TO CHUNGKING BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR SHENTON THOMAS, IN REPLY TO A MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR.

Sir Archibald, who visited Singapore shortly before war broke out in the Pacific, had cabled to Sir Shenton Thomas as follows: "We are watching the battle of Malaya with the keenest sympathy and have every confidence in your ability to hold Singapore until you have enough reinforcements to drive the Japanese back to the sea".

The Governor replied: "I thank you very much for your inspiring message. We shall hold Singapore".

FRONTIER CLASH RESULT

BANNU, Jan. 25.

Eleven hostiles were killed and five captured alive following a pursuit extending over 28 hours of the gang, which yesterday morning killed an Assistant District Officer of the Frontier Constabulary.

Four sepoys of the Frontier Constabulary were also killed and a Subedar Major of the Constabulary and one police constable sustained slight injuries.

STOP PRESS

NAGPUR STRIKE POSTPONED

NAGPUR, Jan. 25.

The proposed general strike by the Nagpur Textile Industry has been postponed.—A.P.

22 POLES EXECUTED

LONDON, Jan. 25.

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Tenders will be received upto 4 p.m. on the 30th January, 1942, and will be opened at 12 Noon on the 31st January, 1942.

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THE BOMBAY YARN EXCHANGE LTD.

NOTICE.

WITH REFERENCE to the Notices dated the 16th December, 1941 and 10th January, 1942, it is notified that the Board of Directors have on the 24th January, 1942 passed the following resolution:—

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Dated this 24th day of January, 1942.

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E. G. TAYLOR,
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NOTICE.

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Public Notices

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES (Purchase Branch), Department of Supply, Shahibagh House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, invites tenders for Diesel Engine driven Centrifugal pumping set 12000 gallons per hour either new or second hand. The price of tender form No. MP|8C|5595 is Rs. 10|- per set of two copies.

Tenders will be received upto 4 p.m. on the 29th January, 1942 and will be opened at 12 Noon on the 30th January, 1942.

(7178)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the GOWALIA TANK MAIDAN will be kept CLOSED to the Public for three weeks from the 26th January, 1942, for holding By-election for Ward No. 9.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

D. I. AHMADI,
Superintendent,
Municipal Gardens.

Victoria Gardens Office,
Byculla, Bombay.
Dated 26th January, 1942.

(7179)

THE AHMEDABAD ADVANCE MILLS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Allotment Letter bearing No. 50, in respect of One Preference Share numbered P3756 of the Ahmedabad Advance Mills, Limited, standing in the name of Bhasker Ganesh Joshi, has been LOST or MISPLACED, and the undersigned has applied to the Company for delivery of the Share Certificate for the said Share.

Any person in possession of the said Allotment Letter and|or having any claim to the said Share should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company, at its Registered Office at Bombay House, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof, after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and deliver the Share Certificate if they think fit.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1942.

BHASKER GANESH JOSHI.
(7173)

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

WANTED CANDIDATES to fill 12 posts of Firemen (Temporary) pay Rs. 60-5-90.

2. Age not less than 18 years on 1st February, 1942. Educational qualifications not lower than V Standard of English under the Government Grant-in-aid Code of the Bombay University or its equivalent. Candidates should be physically fit generally and have the following eight standard:—

DISTANT VISION: As tested with Landol's split rings must be 6|6 in each eye without glasses and the manifest hypermetropia not more than 1.0 in each eye.

NEAR VISION: Snellen 0.5 in each eye without glasses. Colour perception as tested with the Noridge Green Lantern should be normal.

NIGHT VISION: Candidates suffering from night blindness will be rejected.

3. Form of application obtainable from the Divisional Transportation Superintendent, Bhusaval, on payment of Re. 1|- BY MONEY ORDER ONLY. Full name and address of applicant should be entered in BLOCK CAPITAL letters on Money Order Coupon otherwise Money Orders are liable to be returned. Last date for receipt of Money Order is 6th February, 1942.

4. Candidates called for interview should attend entirely at their own expense. A call for an interview will not imply an offer of definite employment.

(7140)

THE PATIALA CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.
(Incorporated in Patiala State)
Liability of Members is Limited.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have resolved to declare an Interim Dividend for the half-year ended 30th September, 1941, at the rate of Rs. 4|- per share (free of Income-tax). The said Dividend will be payable at the Registered Office of the Company at Surajpur, Patiala State, on and after MONDAY, the 23rd February, 1942, to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on Monday, the 16th February, 1942.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 9th February to MONDAY, the 16th February, 1942, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
For The Patiala Cement Company, Ltd.,
CEMENT AGENCIES LTD.,
Managing Agents,
J. H. PATEL.
Managing Director.

16th January, 1942. (7176)

Public Notices

NOTICE.

ZENITH LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, BOMBAY.

POLICYHOLDERS of the Company in India, Burma and Ceylon in civil occupation or employ are hereby informed that they are fully insured against all War Risks in their Policies, and in the event of any of them dying during aerial, naval or other attacks by the enemy, the amount due will be paid to their heirs.

Policyholders in Military, Naval or Air Force Service who have paid the Extra Premium to cover War Risks on their Policies are also fully covered as above.

Every Policyholder is requested to carry an identification Card with him stating his full name, occupation and address to simplify identification in the event of casualties occurring during enemy attacks.

BYRAMJEE HORMUSJEE,
General Manager.

Bombay, 23rd January, 1942.

(7047)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 911 of 1939.

DEVISAHAI HARIPRASAD and Others, ... Plaintiffs.
Vs.
MANECKJI HORMUSJI MODY & Others .. Defendants.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a Warrant of sale of immovable property, dated the 14th day of November, 1941, the Sheriff has been directed to sell by Public Auction at the instance of Defendants all the right, title and interest of the plaintiffs (subject to the Mortgage dated 26th July, 1939, for Rs. 18,000|- in favour of Gulabchand Poonamchand) in the following properties:—

(A1) ALL that newly assessed land together with the tenements or buildings thereon, situate on the Western side of Arthur Road, admeasuring 1425 square yards or thereabouts and registered under Old No. 151, New No. A|16750 and New Survey No. 1A|3399 Cadastral City Survey No. 385 of Tardeo Division and under D Ward No. 3907 and Street Nos. 1 and 2.

(A2) ALL that Freehold land or ground between Arthur Road and Clerk Road, admeasuring 442.7 Square Yards or thereabouts and Registered under New Survey No. 3|3389 and Cadastral City Survey No. 384 of Tardeo Division, under D Ward No. 3903 (2) and Street No. 3A.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having rights in or charges or claims on the abovenamed properties (other than claims involving an objection to the attachment or seeking the removal of the same) that they should, on or before the 16th day of February, 1942, lodge in my Office an affidavit verified by oath or solemn affirmation of such rights, claims or charges.

Dated this 15th day of Jan. 1942.
(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.

(7180)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHA NATHMAL CHALLAJI has contracted with our client for absolute sale to him free from encumbrances of the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim or interest to or in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, inheritance, residue, trust, maintenance, possession, mortgage, lease, charge, easement, lien or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 70, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as having been absolutely waived or abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:—

All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground with the cess redeemed with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being on the Dammer Lane, side of Gamdevi in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 350 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 2138, Old Survey No. 1|7970, New Survey No. 1|7970, Cadastral Survey No. 1557 of Girgaum Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward Nos. 2679 (1) and 2679 (1A) and Street Nos. 67D and 67 DD and bounded as follows: That is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Haji Cassam, on or towards the West by a passage and beyond that by the property of Keshavrao Yessoba, on or towards the North by the Pepery of Manek Mistri and on or towards the South by the property of Laxman Harbaji and which said premises are now occupied by the tenants of the Vendor.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1942.

RATILAL & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

(7174)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHAMJI MULJI, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant who agreed to purchase the undermentioned property from Mr. SIMON REUBEN has contracted to sell the said property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at New Bansilal Mansion, 41A, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground (since redeemed under Collector of Land Revenue Receipt No. 753 dated 21st July, 1911) with messuage tenement or dwelling houses standing thereon situate, lying and being at Charni Road (Girgaum) in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement three hundred and ninety square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 307, New No. F|2078, Old Survey No. 572, New Survey No. 10|7879 and Cadastral Survey No. 1343 of Girgaum Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 9D Ward No. 1231 (2) and 2A and Street No. 216 and 2A and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by open portion of land, admeasuring about 35 square yards belonging to the vendor and beyond that by Charni Road, on or towards the West partly by the property of Kashinath Dadaji Ravat and partly by the property of Ganesh Vishnu Kulkarni and another, on or towards the North by the property of Gopal Ganesh Athavale and Shanker Krishna Shahade and on or towards the South by the property of Raghunath Raoji Dandekar.

Dated this 26th day of Jan. 1942.
WIN & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

(7175)

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF HIGHLY ARTISTICALLY MADE FURNITURE, BEST QUALITY CROCKERY, CUTLERY AND RICH CUT GLASSWARE, ETC.

Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction on SUNDAY, the 1st February, 1942, at 10-30 A. M. (S.T.) at "Carmichael House" on No. 12 New Gamadia Estate on Peddar Road the undermentioned property of late Mr. S. Fuchsmann of the Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd.

Highly artistically made complete dining, drawing and bedroom furniture by Army & Navy Stores, best quality crockery, cutlery and rich cut glassware specially vases, rich tapestry, curtains, carpets, marble figures, set of cane furniture, complete golf set, office furniture etc.

Catalogues will be printed. On view.

AUCTION SALE OF OFFICE FURNITURE, GODREJ SAFES, ETC.

Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 30th January, 1942 at 2 P. M. (S. T.) at the office of Osaka Syosen Kabusiki Kaisya on 2nd floor of Taj Building on Hornby Road, Fort, the undermentioned property of Messrs. Osaka Syosen Kabusiki Kaisya vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Writing tables, chairs, filing cabinets, cupboards, Godrej C and B quality safes, duplicating machines, dining table and chairs, large counter railings with doors and other office accessories.

On view 2 days before sale.
BENNETT & CO.

RE: AUCTION SALE.

Our attention has been drawn to the notice appearing in the "Bombay Chronicle" of 24th January, 1942 re: Auction Sale of 60 bales of Grey Cotton Yarn 12s. belonging to Sheth Anandji Vallabhdas which are advertised by Messrs. Gandhi & Co., to be sold on our account and risk. We hereby give notice to the public that we have nothing to do with the above bales which have been rejected by us having not been tendered to us according to contract.

BYRAMJEE JEEJEEBHOY & CO.

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Auction Sales

MENESSE & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF ARMS & AMMUNITIONS ON TUESDAY, THE 3RD, FEBRUARY, 1942 AT 2 P.M. (S. T.).

AT 2-30 P. M. (S.T.)
WEARING APPAREL, FLORIDA WATER, ART SILK GOODS, IMITATION JEWELLERY, CIGARETTE, TOBACCO, etc., etc.

In accordance with Section 167 and 88 of the Sea Customs Act of 1878 and under instructions from the Collector of Customs, Bombay, Messrs. MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 3rd, February, 1942, at the abovementioned time at the New Custom House, Ballard Road, the abovementioned Uncleared and Confiscated Goods belonging to the Government Customs Department.

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SOMETHING DELIGHTFULLY NEW
—Bharat Jyoti
NATIONAL'S
NAI-ROSHNI
Starring Sardar Akhtar Harish
10TH WEEK
Daily At 3, 6 & 9 P.M.
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Zanana Show at 12 to-morrow

An ENTERTAINMENT in aid of
THE J. B. PETIT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
at the
EXCELSIOR
THEATRE
on
SUNDAY, 1ST FEB. AT 10-30 A.M.

PROGRAMME
1) CHORAL SONGS—Bombay Philharmonic Society (Conductor Cecil Mendoza)
2) HAYDN TRIO, NO 1.
Piano—P. F. Patuck
Violin—Otto Klimt
'Cello—Ernst Politzer
3) DANCES—Hilde Holger and her troupe
4) POEM—Selected—Zoe Bebbington
5) SONG (tenor)—Selected—J. Zammit-Harrison (From Covent Garden)
(6) TABLEAUX OF OMAR KHAYYAM
(Costumes and settings designed by Shiavax Chowda, the prominent Indian Artist)

ADMISSION: Reserved Rs. 5 and Rs. 3.
Unreserved Rs. 2|-, 1|- and As. 8.
Plans open at the Excelsior Theatre.
Special show for school children on Saturday, 31st January at 9-30 a.m.
Admission—As. 8 & As. 4

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in a romantic adventure with songs—
Frank Lloyd's
"This Woman Is Mine"
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LAST DAY!
LADY BE GOOD
starring
ELEANOR POWELL · ANN SOTHERN · ROBERT YOUNG
Tomorrow!
At 3-15: 6-30: 9-30 p.m.
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AT
MAJESTIC
ON
COMING SATURDAY!
AT 2-30 p.m.
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PRAKASH'S GOLDEN PRODUCTION
BHARAT MILAP
(HINDI)
BHARAT BHET
(MARATHI)
Direction: VIJAY BHATT Story V. AUNDHKAR
Art Direction KANU DESAI
Starring:—DURGA KHOTE, SHOBHANA SAMARTH, SHAHU MODAK, PREMADIB, VIMLA VASISTHA, UMAKANT NIMBALKAR, etc.
SATURDAY 31-1-42:—GRAND GALA OPENING-DAY.
SPECIAL TIMINGS:—
1st Show at 2-30 p.m. (Hindi)
2nd Show at 5-45 p.m. (Hindi)
Last Show at 8-45 p.m. (Marathi)
Daily at 2-45 & 5-45 p.m. (Hindi)
Last Show at 8-45 p.m. (Marathi)
—SAT., SUN., & HOLIDAYS—
MATINEE: At 11-45 a.m. (Marathi)
AWAIT ITS RELEASE!
An Evergreen Release

21st WEEK
21st WEEK
Minerva's Mighty Historical
Sikandar
Director:—SOHRAB MODI
To-day—Shows Nos. 461, 462, 463
Daily 3 shows—4, 7, 9-45 p.m.
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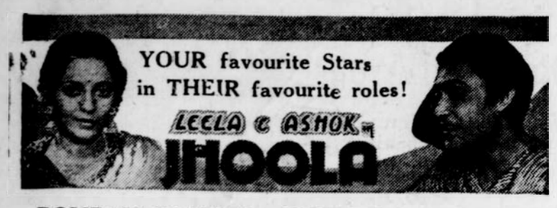

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Magh. Shud 10, 1998
Muslim: Moharrum 8, 1361
Parsi: Amardad 24. 1311
Sunrise: 7-16 a.m
Sunset: 6-27 p.m.
Hightide: 6-02., 20-49
Lowtide: 0-24, 13-18.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

IMPERIAL—"Gharki Laj": 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Chandan": 4, 7 & 10 p. m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Dhandora": 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
REGAL—"This Woman is Mine": 4. 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SUPER—"Sheikh Chilli": 1-30, 4, 7 & 9-45
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi": 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu": 4, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
METRO—"Lady Be Good": 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30
NEW WEST END—"Doctor": 4 7 & 9-45 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Tulsi": 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola": 3, 6-30 & 9-45 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Lydia": 4. 6-30 & 9-30
MAJESTIC—"Swami": 4, 7 and 10 p. m.
CHITRA—"Shadi": 4, 6 45 * 9 45 p.m.
PATHE—"Nai Roshni": 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
EDWARD—"Bombaiwali": 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Footsteps in the Dark": 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar": 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Murder at Monte Carlo": 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Her Last Desire": 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi": 4-30, 7-15 & 10 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

COLABAWALA—Jamshedji Rustomji Colabawala (of Dhulia) father of Kaikobad and Nadirshaw, expired on Saturday (24th Jan. 1942), at 11-30 p.m., at Zadiwala Building, Sleater Road, Grant Road, aged 84. Oothamna ceremony to-day (Monday), at the above place.

INDIAN LITERARY ASSOCIATION: The Indian Litrary Association celebrated Basantotsava with Rao Mahendra Pal Singh in chair. Mr. Roshan Lal Agarwal, Vice-President, traced the history of the Association. Two speeches were delivered—one on the Life and its relation to literature and the other described the ideals with which the Association is formed.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL KAMGAR SANGH:—A monthly meeting of the Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh will be held to-day, at 7-0 p.m. in the Office of the Union.

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION (S. B. D.):—A joint Camp Fire of the Hindustan Scouts of the Mazgaon area will be held at the grounds of Sir Elly Kadoorie School grounds, to-day, at 6 p.m.

LECTURE ON "WHAT YOU MUST DO IN AN AIR RAID."

Under the auspices of the Society of Retired Parsi Officers and over 25 Associations of all Communities, Mr. A. S. Trollip, will deliver a Lecture on "What you must do in an Air Raid" along with Latest Films on Air Raids in St. Xavier's College Hall, to-day, at 5-45 p.m. Sir H. P Dastur, will preside.

ON THE AIR

MONDAY, JAN. 26.

Delhi I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops in the Far East. 5 Goardhan Das. 5-15 Hirabai Barodekar. 5-35 Vatsala Limaya. 5-45 Dhani Ram. 6-15 Indubala. 6-30 Our Defence Line. 2. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 Goardhan Das. 8 Dhanj Ram. 8-15 Bhajan Lal (geets) 1. 8-30 Hirabai Barodekar. 9-30 B.B.C. News relay. 9-45 Vatsala Limaya. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Indubala. 10-20 Hirabai Barodekar

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. A. Kerkar. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Anusuya Chowdhari. 8-35 Ram Lal. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Tulsidasji Bhajan. 9-20 Gujarati geet. 9-30 Balkrishnabuwa Kapileshwari. 12 30 p.m. Devotional songs. 12-57 p.m. News in Hindustani. 1 Instrumental music. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-15 School broadcast. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 M. G. Gokhale. 5-25 Anusuya Chowdhari. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 U. M. Maniar. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 P. N. Dewoolkar 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Nana Ani Mani 7 Berlin na samachar. 7-15 U. M. Maniar. 7-25 M. G. Gokhale. 7-45. Lt. Asghar's talk on "India's New Army" 8 News in Marathi 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Sports review. 8-45 Radio Reconnaissance. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B.B.C. News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post 10 Tarabai Gadagkar. 10-15 S. Parsekar. 10-30 Balkrishnabuwa Kapileshwari.

Bombay II—Programme.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 P. N. Dewoolkar. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Tarabai Gadagkar. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

4-15 to 6 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 6 Dhun Kafi. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Balkrishnabuwa Kapileshwari. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 P. N. Dewoolkar. 9-20 Tarabai Gadagkar. 9-30 Moira Jelinek. 9-45 The Richmond Male Chorus. 10 Ruth Saolman and her trio. 10-30 Hilda Flanders.

BOMBAY SHROFFS' (BANKERS) ASSOCIATION LTD:—The Secretary of B. S. (B) A. writes:—"It is resolved that the members of the Bombay Shroffs Association Ltd. should keep their Hundi and other business closed to-day (Monday), on account of "Independence" Day.

P. E. N. PUBLIC LECTURE:—Dr. Radhakumud Mookerji, Head of the Department of History at the University of Lucknow, will give a public lecture at 6 p.m. to-day, on "Some Aspects of Vedic Literature." Dr. Manilal Patel, Director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at Andheri, will preside at the meeting which will be in the Royal Asiatic Society rooms in the Town Hall.

LATE DR. DHURU

(From A Correspondent)

Condolence meeting of the residents of Bombay North was held in the Dhuru Hall, Dadar, under the auspices of various public institutions to mourn the loss of Dr. R. K. Dhuru, L.R.C.P. & S., L.M., J.P. Touching references were made by Sir S. Patker, Dr. M. C. Jawley, Rao B. Boley and others.

Dr. Dhuru was the first man from his community to visit Europe.

WESTERN INDIA LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1942

February 3rd ao 13th

ENTRIES CLOSE 27TH JANUARY.

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE from BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

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4, 6-30 & 9-30 P.M.
ERROL FLYNN and EVE GRAY
in the thrilling drama
MURDER AT MONTE CARLO
A Warner Bros. Film

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"KHAZANCHI"
AT
KRISHNA
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The EDWARD
DAILY AT 4, 6-30 & 10 P.M.
NADIA & JOHN CAVAS
IN WADIA MOVIETONE'S
Bambaiwali
WEDNESDAY 28th MORN. at 10
BORIS KARLOFF
FRANKENSTEIN

THIRD THRILLING WEEK!
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APNA-GHAR
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SHANTA APTE
CHANDRAMOHAN
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DIRECTED BY DEBKI BOSE
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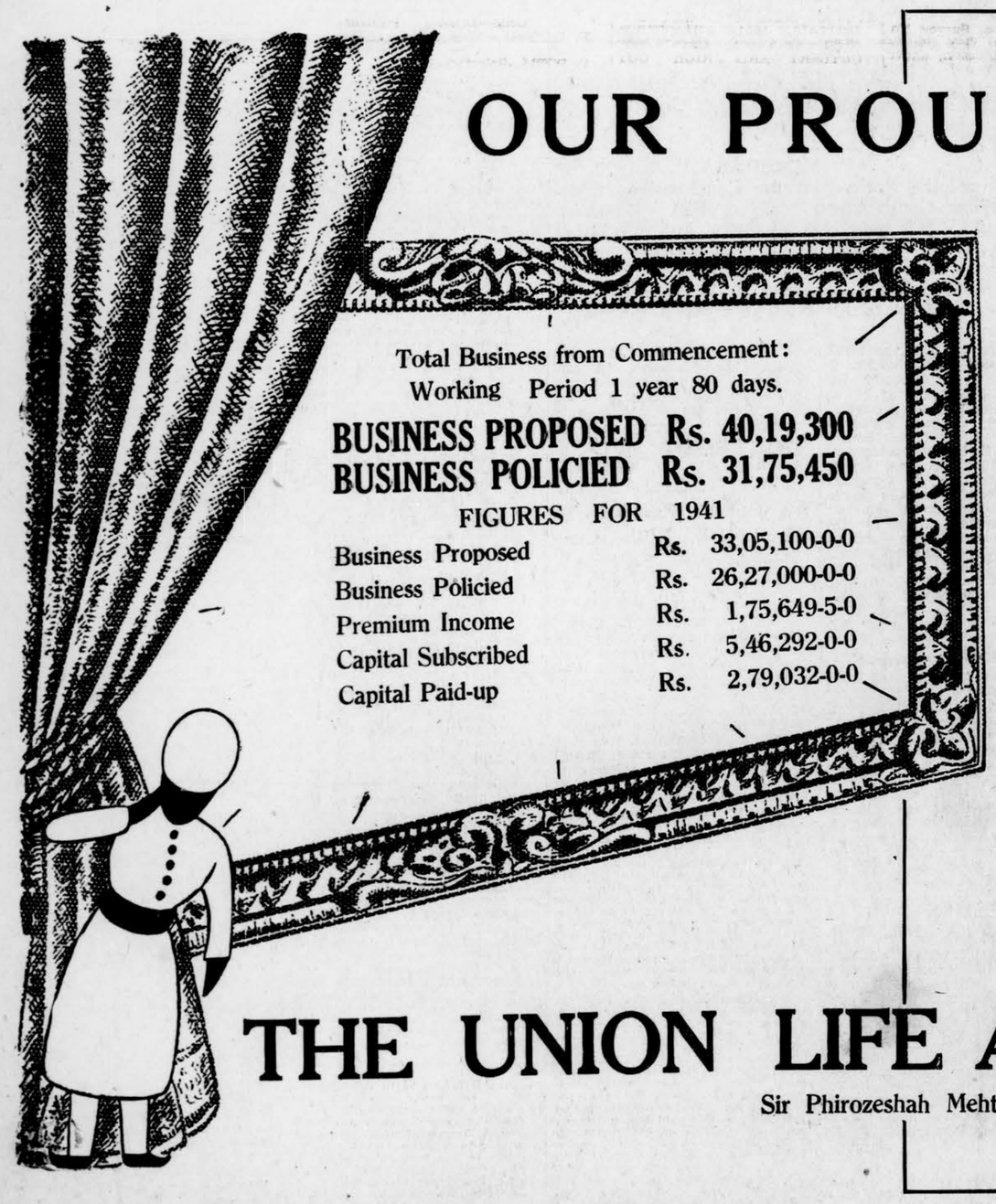

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BUSINESS PROPOSED Rs. 40,19,300
BUSINESS POLICIED Rs. 31,75,450

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Business Policied	Rs.	26,27,000-0-0
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COMMUNAL UNITY

In the course of an article on "Communal Unity" in the current number of "Harijan" Gandhiji writes: "Freedom will not come through parliamentary effort. Therefore, communal pacts, whilst they are good if they can be had, are valueless unless they are backed by the union of hearts. Without it there can be no peace in the land. Even Pakistan can bring no peace, if there is no union of hearts. This union can come only by mutual service and co-operative work". We fear that Gandhiji unduly belittles the importance of parliamentary effort and communal pacts. Legislatures and pacts between communal and other groups therein are essential features of modern administration, and without these the very union of hearts and extra-legislative constructive work which Gandhiji so much loves become extremely difficult. If communal co-operation is desired on a vast scale, work by isolated individuals, though many, is not enough. Understanding between the communal groups is essential as is also the pressure of the legislatures over the administrative agencies. It will not do in the present circumstances to dismiss communal pacts with the complacent remarks that they are good "if they can be had". We do not say so of independence. If it cannot be had, we move heaven and earth to have it. We must do likewise to have communal pacts. They may be hard tasks at present but to belittle their importance is not the best way to make them less hard. We, therefore, cannot too strongly or too often emphasize that it is the urgent duty of the Congress as it is of the Muslim League to bend their energies and devote their constructive statesmanship to the task of bringing about a communal pact.

Constructive Programme

Having said so much about the need for communal pacts—so long at any rate, as important parties are formed more or less on communal lines—we wholeheartedly support the many-sided efforts in constructive work under Gandhiji's guidance, it being always understood that communal unity itself is the foremost item in the programme. It is, indeed, a grand feature of the Congress constructive programme that almost every item of it, if rightly worked out, helps communal unity. Taking Khaddar, for example, Gandhiji points out that there are 23,000 Muslim spinners, carders and weavers earning their daily bread through the All-India Spinners' Association and asks Mr. Jinnah if he will allow the members of the Muslim League to co-operate with the Congress workers "in this truly national but non-political work which is also humanitarian". If only for the reason that thousands of Muslim weavers are starving for want of yarn to weave, it will be good for the Congress and the League to co-operate in providing work to these weavers, though in any case Congress should serve the needy irrespective of their caste or creed or party leanings. Only, the relief must be in a spirit of service and not of competition in a scramble for power.

Separate Electorates

With a view to combating communalism in the four Muslim majority provinces in the first instance Gandhiji has made a radical suggestion whose implications should be carefully considered before it is accepted by Congress to any extent. The suggestion is that in these provinces Congress Hindus "must rigidly abstain from the legislatures and local bodies governed by separate electorates" because he feels that such electorates "have resulted in the separation of hearts" and "have tended to perpetuate differences and deepen the distrust". By entering these bodies in such circumstances Congress Hindus, says Gandhiji, tend "only to divide the majority members, i.e., to take sides with one Muslim party or another". On the other hand by keeping out of them the Congress Hindus would "put the Muslim members on their honour", show what can be achieved by "their disinterestedness, their utter freedom from communal taint, and their ability to submit to the rule of their Muslim fellow-countrymen". In using words like "put the Muslim members on their honour" Gandhiji seems to assume that if Congress Hindus keep out there will be no Hindus in the legislatures and local bodies. But it is certain non-Congress Hindus, presumably communalists, will have an easier access to these bodies, communal squabble will be more in evidence and there will be no opportunity for the Muslims to be "put on their honour". Moreover, presence in the Legislatures is not meant only for a scramble for power. It is also an opportunity to offer necessary information and advice on the spot and to withhold both is hardly the best way to serve the public or a particular community. A better plan, to our mind, is for Congress Hindus in these provinces is to attend these bodies, offer help disinterestedly and decline office except when it is offered unanimously or almost so. And this should be coupled with considerable constructive service outside the bodies. And, above all, the best antidote to the communal poison is for the Congress Hindus in Hindu majority provinces to show by deeds how minority interests can be safeguarded. Protests against separate electorates should take some other form, it being understood that joint electorates are possibly only through agreement.

South-West Pacific

So far at least as the last two days' reports are concerned it is possible to consider the South-West Pacific situation under three separate heads. On land the crisis shows no signs of easing. It has, indeed, deepened every where. But there is some good news as regards sea and air operations. Netherlands submarines have been doing splendid work ever since the beginning of hostilities. But beyond the exploits of an American torpedo boat near the Philippines little had been heard of Allied surface craft. But now, a British warship reports the destruction of a Japanese submarine. This, however, is nothing compared with the success of U.S.A. destroyers in the Strait of Macassar where they have blown up a large transport, sank another and severely damaged several other ships including destroyers. All this is good beginning for Admiral Hart. But it is still no more than a beginning.

Much more encouraging are the activities of the Allied air arm. Netherlands bombers attacked on Saturday a Japanese ship concentration in the same Strait of Macassar, sinking a large transport and seriously damaging another, including a destroyer. The previous day, N.E.I. bombers had, in the same area, scored twelve direct hits on eight Japanese ships including two cruisers, two transports and two other large ships. Over Singapore also aircraft have been doing fairly good work. But it is over Rangoon that the most remarkable success has been achieved against Japan. During the last two days, the Japanese tried to raid Rangoon in day light three times. They failed completely. More. Out of a total of 90 or 100 planes they used, they lost no fewer than 40 for certain and most probably 10 to 20 more. This splendid success has been achieved by the Anglo-American defenders at a cost of three planes and one pilot. It is a much better record than the best in the Battle of Britain. In this it is also interesting to note that the Chinese, too, are now taking the initiative in the air and very strong formations flown by Americans and Chinese have already carried out two heavy and successful raids on Hanoi in French Indo-China. All this does encourage the hope that the Allies are materially speeding up recovery in the air.

But the crisis is on land. And it is a grave crisis. There has been some sort of lull on the Burma front during the week-end. But elsewhere the situation has deteriorated. In the Luzan Island, the heroic army of that great and gallant Commander-General MacArthur, though faced with overwhelmingly superior force, has already worked wonders and it would be too much to expect much more from him and his men. In Malaya, British withdrawal continues with the left flank still very much in serious trouble. According to latest messages, however, British troops maintained their positions despite heavy Japanese pressure and attacked the enemy north of Kluang and considerable numbers of Australians and Indians, who were cut off at Pari Sulong, have now rejoined the main army. Little activity is reported from the N.E.I. but the concentration of Japanese ships in the Strait of Macassar between Borneo and Celebes tells its own potential tale. Even a worse situation is arising as regards Australia. How grave the threat to that country has become is shown by the agitated and urgent statements and demands recently made by Australia's Ministers—incidentally these pronouncements set in significant relief the difference in status between Australia and India. America, much less Britain, can rush land re-inforcements in any quantity to force Japan's five major offensive to an immediate halt. But Anglo-American naval and air assistance, if immediately given, can do a lot. What is more, it can be given.

Frankly Speaking

Rommel In The Open

Correspondents in Cairo now regard it as practically certain that General Rommel has succeeded in receiving some reinforcements including tanks. They also admit that Rommel's attack came somewhat as a surprise to the British authorities. Any way his counter-attack having succeeded to the extent of the recapture of Jedabiya, he has now come up against something more than British light forces and on his opponent's own ground. A battle which developed into a substantial tank struggle over a large area, was joined two days ago and had been raging furiously. The results are not yet known. But this battle, as a result of Rommel being drawn out of his well-defended positions, can be usefully exploited by General Auchinleck. The important provisos, of course, are that British main forces are in action and that with the clearing up of the main lines of communication supplies and reinforcements are reaching the battle zone at the required speed.

Well-Deserved Tribute

In his first public statement after his return from Russia, Sir Stafford Cripps has paid a high and enthusiastic tribute to M. Stalin. This tribute is literally well deserved. And even while Sir Stafford was praising him the Russian leader was vindicating his genius and his leadership by scoring the most important victory to date against the Germans. The advance in the Kholon region on a 70 mile wide front is tremendous and is rightly expected in London to have important repercussions in a few days. This advance renders risky the enemy's seige of Leningrad and his hold even on Smolensk in the south. In any case Herr Hitler's alleged winter line will be rolled back a good long distance. And it would be interesting to see how he explains his new defeat.

No Discrimination

The Maharaja of Morvi deserves to be congratulated on his donation of one lakh of rupees to the Benares Hindu University for the purpose of building a hostel for students. It will be well for the Maharaja to make it a condition of the donation that the hostel must be open to Hindus of all castes without the slightest discrimination against Harijans. At least there should be nothing in the terms of the donation to restrict the hostel to any particular castes. If at all the terms discriminate against Harijans, the donation should not be accepted. We trust in the management of hostels by the University there is not, and there will not be, any discrimination against Harijans. The recent Ahmedabad hostel affair has made it necessary for us to make these remarks which ordinarily should have been superfluous

War And Salads

Gandhiji is nothing if not thorough. He would descend to the minutest detail in every thing he took up seriously, if there is anything which he does not take up seriously. Thus it is that in the leading article on Real War Effort in the current number of "Harijan" he reminds us of the need for economy in food, how "an ounce or two of salads serves the purpose of eight ounces of cooked vegetables" and how good salads can be made with onion, carrot, radish, salad leaves and tomatoes, and that "bananas, potatoes, beetroot, yarn and 'suran', and in a measure pumpkin are a food crop easily grown." All this is said, not in a lighter vein, but quite seriously and in the light of personal experience and experiments in dietetics extending over a number of years. And we doubt if any medical man can question the soundness of his suggestions from the nutritional point of view. One of the things Gandhiji has missed in the present article is the use of hand-polished rice. It is the experience of many that partially polished rice is not only more nutritious but also more satisfying and, therefore, more economical than completely polished rice. It will be well if Government, following the example of the All-India Village Industries Association, sell in their many grain shops, half-polished or unpolished rice. As it is more nutritive and more economical, it should be a special feature of the Government grain shops, which are specially meant for the poor people.

JUDGMENT

"He only judges right who weighs, compares,
And, in the sternest sentence which his voice
Pronounces, ne'er abandons charity".

WORDSWORTH.
Ecclesiastical Sonnets.

No Peace In India Without Union Of Hearts

Mahatma Pleads For This, By Service And Co-operation

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 25.

"FREEDOM WILL NOT COME THROUGH PARLIAMENTARY EFFORT. THEREFORE COMMUNAL PACTS, WHILST THEY ARE GOOD IF THEY CAN BE HAD, ARE VALUELESS. UNLESS THEY ARE BACKED BY THE UNION OF HEARTS. WITHOUT IT THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN THE LAND. EVEN PAKISTAN CAN BRING NO PEACE, IF THERE IS NO UNION OF HEARTS. THIS UNION CAN COME ONLY BY MUTUAL SERVICE AND CO-OPERATIVE WORK".

THUS WRITES MAHATMA GANDHI, IN TO-DAY'S "HARIJAN", UNDER THE CAPTION "COMMUNAL UNITY."

He adds:—"Separate electorates have resulted in the separation of hearts. They presupposed mutual distrust and conflict of interests. They have tended to perpetuate differences and deepen the distrust.

How to get out of the tangle is the question. I want just now to confine myself to the four Muslim majority provinces. In them there is natural Pakistan in the sense that the permanent majority can rule the minority. I hold it to be utterly wrong, thus to divide man from man by reason of religion which is liable to change. What conflict of interest can there be between Hindus and Muslims in the matter of revenue, sanitation, police, justice, or the use of public conveniences? The difference can only be in religious usage and observances with which a secular state has no concern."

"Congressmen, if they are not to merge in the Hindus as Hindus, must rigidly abstain from the legislatures and local bodies governed by separate electorates. In these provinces the separate electorates must be taken to have come from the Hindu demand and in the supposed Hindu interest. But a Congress Hindu has no interest apart from his Muslim brother. Therefore he must not enter the electoral bodies where Hindu and Muslim interests are falsely regarded as separate and even antagonistic. If he enters these bodies, he can do so only to divide the majority members, i.e. to take sides with one Muslim party or another.

PUTTING THEM ON HONOUR.

"If I could make all Hindus Congress-minded, I would withdraw every Hindu member from these bodies and put the Muslim members on their honour. I would seek to influence them from outside these bodies by being friends with them and rendering disinterested service. I would be indifferent to their manning all the services. At the most an infinitesimal percentage can have a share in them. "And it is a superstition to suppose that these services can oppress a people who have become conscious of human dignity and human rights, and know how to enforce them." Since the vast majority of Congressmen are Hindus in at least three Muslim majority provinces, they have a rare opportunity of showing their non-violent strength, their disinterestedness, their utter freedom from the communal taint, and their ability to submit to the rule of their Muslim fellow countrymen. They will do this not in a huff but as true nationalists and friends of the Muslims. Remaining outside they will probably better protect the just interests of Hindus as citizens. For a Congress Hindu is not any the less a Hindu because he claims to represent equally, as he must, all the other faiths in himself. For as I have said, so far as the state is concerned, its capacity for services stops short of the service of the different faiths, and the services it can render apply to all irrespective of their faiths.

CONGRESSMEN'S OPPORTUNITY

"Therefore Congressmen have a rare opportunity of showing undefiled nationalism in these provinces. They will incidentally show the other minorities that they have nothing to fear from the majorities if they know the true way."

We must get out of the miasma of religious majorities and minorities. Why is a Parsi's interest different from a Hindu's or Muslim's so far as the state is concerned? Did not Dadabhai and Pherozeshah rule the Congress while they lived, not by Congress grace or patronage, but by right of service and merit? Did their rule injure any Hindu or Muslim interest? Were these interests ever in conflict on the Congress platform? And is not the Congress a voluntary state?—A. P.

CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME OF CONGRESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT

"No Conflict Possible Till War Lasts: Most Items Are Common Cause Between Govt. And People", Says Mahatma

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 25.

"Will not the working of the Constructive Programme bring Congressmen into conflict with the Government?" This was one of the many questions that were asked at the meeting of the principal members of the A. I. C. C., whom Mahatma Gandhi addressed in Wardha on January 17. Mahatma Gandhi has reproduced his reply in to-day's 'Harijan' He says:—

"My answer was that the whole programme was so conceived as to avoid conflict. Of course, the most innocent activity may be so manipulated as to provoke conflict. I expect every Congress worker to do his best to avoid it. But there is no help for it, if the Government prohibit such activities because they are undertaken by Congressmen who believe that the working of the Constructive Programme will bring Swaraj. That is the only non-violent way to achieve the end. Swaraj from non-violent means must come from the creative effort of those who desire it. The Government should welcome every such effort, unless they want to prevent even cent per cent non-violent movement.

NO CONFLICT POSSIBLE

In that case conflict will become unavoidable. But I am of opinion that no conflict is possible, at any rate while the war lasts, unless Congress workers want or provoke it. They have to work, work and work. They will make no speeches or demonstrations in doing their constructive work. As I have already said, today most of the items of constructive work happen to be—like feeding and clothing—common cause between the Government and the people."—A. P.

CONGRESSMEN AND A. R. P.

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 25.

Answering the question: "Can a Congressman belong to A. R. P. and such other committees connected with the war"? Mahatma Gandhi states in to-day's "Harijan": "I think not. But this does not mean that he will render no help in caring for those who may be injured by bombs or otherwise. ON THE CONTRARY HE WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE MOST ASSIDUOUS IN RENDERING SUCH HELP."—A. P.

Mahatma In Wardha

WARDHAGANJ, Jan. 25.

Mahatma Gandhi with party arrived here last evening from Nagpur. It is understood that Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya will preside over the Gosewa Sangesa Conference to be held here on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th February.—A. P.

Tokio Deal For Occupied Areas

Exploitation Through Private Companies Under Govt. Control

TOKYO, Jan. 25.

The Japanese Government would take a direct hand in the exploitation and development of the South Seas areas which have come under Japanese control, stated Mr. Okinori Kaya, Finance Minister, reporting to Committee of the Diet.

He explained, however, that the development programme would be carried out through private companies under army supervision.

Referring to development of mineral resources, Mr. Kaya said that mining would be conducted by private enterprise but distribution would be in the hands of the Japanese exclusively. Mine products would be purchased by the army for distribution either within the areas of production for export to Japan.—Reuter.

Russian T. U. Delegation's Tribute To British Arms Factories

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Members of the Russian Trade Union Delegation, who have been touring arms factories in Britain, made their first appearance at a public demonstration in London to-day. A large audience stood and sang the "Internationale" when the Russians appeared.

The Trade Union Congress Secretary, Sir Walter Citrine, said that the Russian delegates' views on what they had seen in British factories "would probably not all be flattering." "If we were to discharge our obligations to Russia, on top of our new commitments, a gigantic effort must be made.

The Leader of the Russian delegation, M. Syvernik, said Russia to-day represented one single armed camp to fight and win. Her people were unconquerable—and there would be retribution in full.

"The organisation of production in Britain has left the best impression on us," he added.

The meeting adopted a resolution pledging British workers to speed up and maintain war production to the utmost.—Reuter.

URUGUAY BREAKS WITH AXIS

VICHY, Jan. 25.

A decree breaking off diplomatic relations between Uruguay and the Axis Powers was signed today by President Baldomir and Ministers of the Uruguayan Government, according to a Montevideo telegram to the Vichy News Agency.—Reuter.

Socialist Move Turned Down

BERNE, Jan. 25.

A Swiss National referendum has resulted in the rejection by 500,000 to approximately 250,000 votes of a Socialist proposal that the Swiss Federal Council should be elected directly by the people, states the Swiss News Agency.—

GROSS NAZI EXAGGERATION

LONDON: Enemy tank losses mentioned in to-day's Cairo Communique are regarded in authoritative circles in London as referring to the battle still continuing in the triangle Jeraby-a-Antelat-Saunua It is here that confused fighting is taking place and further news is expected. German claims in connection with the engagement are "probably a gross exaggeration", it is stated.

FREEDOM FIRST

We Cannot Respond To Your Call With Our Hands And Feet In Bondage, Says 'C.R.'

MADRAS, Jan. 25.

They should remain calm and brave if the enemy should come here as they would perforce if an earthquake or thunderbolt came upon them all of a sudden, observed Mr. C. Rajagopalachari addressing a conference of Congress workers at Tiruvattiyur. He added: "If the British rulers should give us the power to defend ourselves and declare us free we should all be ready to accept the responsibility of defending our country."

LET FREEDOM BE GRANTED!

Britain needed help today and India had offered to give all the help she could, "provided her rulers did the right thing by her and granted her full freedom." Some people said that it was bargaining and asked was it right to bargain at this critical hour? They said that the house was on fire and that when all people should help to put out the fire, none should think of striking a bargain.

Some reflection, said Mr. Rajagopalachariar would show whether their demand was just or not. They were eager and willing to respond to Britain's call, but now could they do so if their hands and feet were in bonds and their movements handicapped? Their help, under such conditions could not be effective. That was what the Congress pointed out, Congress said, India could not render enthusiastic, effective or the maximum co-operation which she could unless they were made to feel that in helping the war effort, they were helping to regain their own freedom and protect a country which was their own. This feeling could be created only if India was declared free from a state of dependency from now on, free to render all help and to defend herself. This he said, was the bare truth and not "bargaining."

The 'Conference' passed a resolution conveying respectful appreciation and gratitude to Mahatma Gandhi for his services to the country" and pledged itself to work under his leadership for the attainment of Swaraj.

The resolutions adopted by the A.-I. C.C., at Wardha and the Working Committee at Bardoli were also endorsed by the Conference.—A. P.

Labour Victory Board

U. S. Motor Industry And Engineers Pledge To War Production

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.

Eight-hundred leaders of the motor-car industry as well as engineers and production experts attended a conference, which pledged the transposition of the entire industry to war production in the shortest possible. All machine-tools and other equipment will be listed forthwith and will be used to the best advantage by various companies, irrespective of their normal business competition.

"A Labour Victory Board" is the title given to a new organisation consisting of three members of the Congress of Industrial Organisation and three from the American Federation of Labour, which, in accordance with a White House suggestion, will be formed to settle during the war disputes between rival Labour organisations.—Reuter.

VICEROY RESUMES NORMAL WORK

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25.

His Excellency the Viceroy has now quite recovered from his recent indisposition and has resumed his full normal work, says a Communique.—A.P.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.

According to the Office of Facts and Figures, the production of weapons and supplies of war this year will be three times larger than the production in the past eighty months. The production of planes and tanks in 1942 will equal that of Hitler in all the years before 1939. The output of tanks and other vehicles, however, is now over three times as large as a year ago, and the output of guns of all types is quintuple.—Reuter.

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Mr. D. N. Pritt urges that India is the "acid test" of Britain's wholeheartedness in the anti-Fascist struggle.

That is why Churchill doesn't let has hands touch India

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The Bishop of Chelmsford, holds that the value of the Atlantic Charter was gravely prejudiced if India was to be excluded

Probably His Lordship doesn't know that if India was included the whole conception of the Atlantic Charter would be mortally prejudiced.

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Mr. Curtin, the Australian Premier, has demanded Australian representation on the Imperial War Cabinet, says a Perth message.

It is really regrettable that, particularly in the hour of crisis, Australia should be less partriotically British than India.

Has India's Premier ever demanded —eh, what? Oh, all right. All Right.

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Pandemonium, says a report, prevailed and many people were injured at the inauguration of the Silver Jubilee of the Chokha Mela (Harijans) Hostel at Nagpur.

We learn that a regiment of the Ambedkar Youth acquitted itself splendidly.

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According to Sir Stafford Cripps, Russo-Japanese differences can never ultimately be solved except by force.

For once, Herr Hitler will agree with Sir Stafford and with passionately urgent importunity.

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The Germans, it is reported, have now admitted the loss of Mojaisk.

This is not surprising since they have to rush all their suppressionist energy to a seventy mile wide region somewhere between Smolensk and Leningrad.

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Mr. Alexander, Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty, says: "... we are bound to come to a situation when, with the help of the United States fleet, we shall be able to do just what we will with Japan."

We agree. But when and whereabouts by that time?

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A Vichy message announces to the world the grave and sensational news that the French Government have lodged a protest with the Chungking Government on the subject of bombing of Indo-Chinese aerodromes by Chinese planes.

An occasional comic relief, however unconscious, is welcome in these days of world wide blood and thunder.

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ARTISTS NEARLY COME TO BLOWS.

—Headline.

The "near-miss" incident merely vindicates their proverbial intensity and power of expression.

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"How did you manage to live to be 107?"

"Well, you see, I refrained from smoking, drinking, took plenty of exercise and stayed out in the fresh air."

"Well, I had an uncle who did all of those things, but he died at 87."

"Well you see, he didn't do them long enough."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A man's worst enemy is often right under his own hat.

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It takes a born diplomat to hide his ignorance in a smile.

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The smile of a woman is not always what it appears to be on the surface.

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No earthly tax dodger need hope for a clear title to a mansion in the skies.

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It is so much easier to tell what ought to be done than to get busy and do it.

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You may be able to save a lot of money by not being able to buy the things you think you want.

"This Nonsense Must Stop"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I sympathise with Mr. Karaka's feelings on racial incidents, remembering only a year ago my indignation at the treatment of three friends of mine, an English and two American ladies, in Northern China where they were turned out of their reserved seats in a carriage because some Japanese officers decided they would like the whole carriage to themselves.

Unfortunately in that country the guard did not feel in a position even to remonstrate with the representatives of the ruling nation who did not even consider an apology necessary or required.—Yours, etc.,

VICTOR SASSOON.

Bombay, Jan. 24.

VICHY'S PROTEST TO CHUNGKING

VICHY: The French Government has lodged a protest with the Chungking Government on the subject of bombing of Indo-Chinese aerodromes by Chinese planes.

AERODROME BOMBED?

VICHY: With reference to the Vichy protest to the Chinese Government, a Vichy official statement says: "An aerodrome in Indo-China was attacked on Thursday by about 10 planes coming from China. Some 80 bombs were dropped. Eight people were killed and 30 injured."—Reuter.

ANNOUNCING

MESSAGE OF HEALTH

A Woman's "good health" contributes not a little to the happiness of a household as she plays the leading part in domestic life. Her illness handicaps the members of the family and throws the home into disorder. She should therefore keep herself "fit" and thus promote the Joy of her Home. She will find in "LODHRA" the best health-giver and remedy for feminine complaints.

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Elaborate Independence Day Programme

Meetings And Flag Hoistings In Several Places In City

B.P.C.C.'s programme for the Independence Day (to-day) is as under:—

7 A.M. (S.T.): Hoisting of the National Flag on houses and business premises by the public. 8 A.M. (S.T.) Central Flag Salutation at Congress House. Shri Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the B.P.C.C. will unfurl the Flag and explain the 'Independence' Message. March Past' by volunteers after Flag-salutation. 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) Independence Procession to form at Dhobi Talao End of the Azad Maidan and to start from there towards Chowpatty. Route: Kalbadevi Road, Bomba Khana, Bhuleshwar, C.P. Tank, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Sandhurst Road, and Chowpatty. 6 P.M. (S.T.): Public Meeting: At Chowpatty to take the "Independence" pledge. Shri Bhulabhai J. Desai will preside.

Non-stop sacrificial spinning at the Congress House for 24 hours ending 5 P.M. to-day.

Sale of Button Flags by Congress Sevikas, Kumarikas and other volunteers throughout the day. The above programme will be supplemented by the different District Congress Committees in the City by holding Flag Salutations, public meetings, hawking of khaddar and organising cycle processions and spinning demonstrations.

BY "A" WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE

8 A.M. Flag Salutation and 8-30 A.M. Cycle Procession from the Fort Students' Union at 71, Bazargate Street.

FLAG SALUTATION IN "B" WARD:—There will be a Flag Salutation to-day at 9 a.m. at Bhat-Bazar near fountain. Mrs. Sofia Khan will unfurl the flag. Volunteer corps are requested to be present in their uniforms at 8-30 A.M.

GIRGAUM CONGRESS COMMITTEE:—There will be two flag-salutation ceremonies to-day. One will be at the Compound of Haridas Premji Chawl, 4th Khetwadi Lane, Khetwadi Back Road, at 7-20 a.m. Sjt. D. R. Ghaipure will unfurl the flag and explain "The Independence message." The other will be in the Gora Gandhi Compound, Tardeo, at 9 a.m. Sjt. S. K. Patil will unfurl the National flag and will explain "The Independence message."

"F" WARD CONGRESS.—At 8 A.M. flag-salutation and Pledge Reading at Lalbaug Maidan Mr. Jhinabhai P. Joshi will unfurl the Flag.

At SEWRI.—At 8 A.M. Golandji Hill Maidan, Sewri, Dr. V. B. Ghandhi will unfurl the flag and read the Pledge.

At MATUNGA.—At 8 A.M. : At Napoo Maidan, flag-salutation and Pledge Reading. The Flag will be unfurled by Dr. M. D. D. Gilder.

BY GUMASTAS AND STUDENTS.—A cycle procession will be taken out at 8-30 p.m. from Bora Bazar near Victoria Terminus which will terminate into a meeting at the Azad Maidan.

PUBLIC MEETING AT CHAUPATTY.—To popularise the Independence Day programme, a public meeting will be held at Chaupatty to-day at 5-30 p.m. Mr Lalu Shah will preside. Messrs. G. G. Mehta, Abdul Sattar Parekh, Girdhar Thakar, Chandrakant Dalal, S. K. Pai, P.M. Joshi and other will address.

RASHTREEYA SWAYAM SEVA DAL.—Volunteers are required to be present to-day at 5-30 a.m. at "A" Ward office at Holi Chakla for the Prabhat Pheri and at 7-30 a.m. for the flag salutation. They are also required to be present at the above place at 3 p.m. to take part in the procession which will join the main procession at Dhobi Talao.

H. P. T. GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.—To-day the Hansraj P. Thakarsey Girls' High School will celebrate the Independence Day by holding 'dhwaja vandan' at 10 a.m. in the Sunderbai Hall, when Shriyut Bhulabhai J. Desai will preside.

NATIONALIST CHRISTIANS.—The Secretary, Nationalist Christian Party, has issued the following statement:—

To-day (Monday) the Indian National Congress, as usual, will celebrate the Independence Day.

The Independence Day procession will march from Azad Maidan, Dhobi Talao and at 4-30 p.m. to Chaupatty Sands where the Independence Pledge will be taken. The party contingent will join the procession, and the members are requested to gather near Chunilal Mehta Hut, Esplanade Road at 4 p.m. from where the contingent will join the procession.

AT DOMBIWALI.—The programme of Independence Day at Dombiwali (Kalyan): Morning procession at 7 a.m. Flag Salutation at 8-30 a.m. Students programme at 10 a.m. Lecture by Mr. Abidali Jafferbhai at 8-30 p.m. under the joint auspices of Students' Union and Congress Committee of Dombiwali.

NORTH BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION.—The "Independence Day" programme for to-day is as under:—11 a.m. Flag salutation ceremony at Municipal garden in front of King George High School, Dadar (G.I.P.) 11-30 a.m. Procession will start from the same place. 12-30 p.m. Public Meeting at Shivaji Park. Mr. A. Jafarbhai to preside.

SICCA-NAGAR YUVAK SANGH—There will be a flag-salutation ceremony in the compound of Sicca-Nagar at 9-15 a.m. Mr Abid Ali Jafarbhai will perform the ceremony.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION.—Flag salutation at Chaupatty at 9-30 a.m. The main procession of students will start at 11-30 a.m. from Bori Bunder and will proceed to Chaupatty via Girgaum Road.

A procession from Elphinstone College will join the main procession at Bori Bunder. Another procession starting from Gowalia Tank Maidan will proceed via Vithalbhai Patel Road to meet the main procession at Thakurdwar. The procession will terminate at Chaupatty where a meeting will be held under the presidentship of Mr. Prabhakar Sanzgiri, Jt. Secretary All India Students' Federation, student workers will address.

BHARTIYA NAVYUVAK SANGH:—Independence Day will be celebrated to-day, at 8 a.m. (S. T.), in its own office (236, Kalbadevi Road).

'G' WARD DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE:—Flag Salutation at Shivaji Park, Dadar, at 8 a.m., by Sjt. Iswarbhai S. Patel, Deslisle Road, Parel, by Sjt. D. N. Wandrekar, M. L. A., Mahim Bazar, by S M. Pawar, Saitan Chouky, by Sjt. Jagadavashankar Sharma, Jambori Maidan, Worli, by Sjt. Shitalaprasad N. Sharma, Labour Camp, Matunga, by Sjt. V. B. Warlikar.

After the Flag Salutation the Independence Pledge will be read. There will be other programme also such as enrolment of members, Khadi hawking, Sale of button, flags, etc.

AT SANTA CRUZ:—(1) Flag Salutation at 8-0 a.m. (S. T.) in the Saraswat Colony Maidan; (2) Reading of the Pledge led by Smt. Gangaben Patel.; (3) Public lectures by Sjt. Gagaben Patel and Sjt. Purushottam Kanji in the Hall; (4) Spinning programme will take place at the end of the meeting in the same Hall.

AT KHAR:—The programme of the Independence Day celebration at Khar is fixed by the Local Congress Committee as follows:—7-0 a.m. -Prabhat Feri to start from the Laxmi Pavilion, 10th Road; 8-0 a.m.—Flag Salutation and taking the Independence Pledge at the Maidan at the junction of the Ghodbunder Road and First Road; 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Mass spinning at the Laxmi Pavilion, 10th Road; 9 p.m. —Public meeting Laxmi Pavilion.

INDIAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR:—A meeting of the Bombay Provincial Committee of the Indian Federation of Labour will be held today, at 7-30 p.m in the Servants of India Society Hall to consider, among other things, the holding of the Provincial Conference, etc.

MUHARRAM WEEK: To-day's programme under the auspices of "Rahbar" at Marathi Municipal Central School, near Noor Baug. Mrs. Sultana Fyzee, Sirate Sahabial 4-15 p.m. Dr Bazlur Rahman, Nationalist party of Iqbal and Hali 5 p.m.

KARNATAK YUVAK SANGH. At 8-0 p.m. (S.T.) Mr. K. N. Gaitonde will preside over a meeting to celebrate Independence Day.

INDIA'S ARMY OF 10 LAKHS

50,000 Recruits A Month

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23.

Over 50,000 recruits a month are streaming into the Indian Army, with the result that India has to-day roughly 1,000,000 men under arms, according to figures now available.

In the first eight months of the war, 53,000 additional men were enrolled. In May 1940, a more ambitious programme to raise a modern field army of an additional 100,000 men was launched, and before the year was out the required number had been completed. In 1941, it was found possible to initiate a new programme of expansion, designed to bring the total of the army in India, including the forces serving overseas, to the 500,000 mark. Before the end of March it was announced that the strength of our forces in India alone was well over that mark. Since then the rate of recruitment has been rising rapidly to well over 50,000 men a month.

All schemes of army expansion, it is explained, are necessarily conditioned by, among other factors, equipment and the available number of trained personnel required to train recruits and the capacity of the various training schools and training battalions.—A. P.

Military Cross For Two Bihari Doctors

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24.

Two more doctors of the Indian Medical Service, it is announced, have been awarded the military cross for devotion to duty under fire in Syria, both come from Bihar Province.

Captain Sailendra Nath Chatterjee, who comes from Patna, is a regimental doctor in the 4th Indian Division. The others is Capt. Lakshman Nandeolyai who comes from Ranchi.

Six doctors in the Indian Medical Service have now been awarded the military cross, three of whom come from Bihar Province.—A.P.

Uruguay Takes Precautions

MONTE VIDEO, Jan. 25.

In preparation for the decree breaking off relations with Axis Powers to be signed to-morrow the Uruguayan Government are introducing a number of precautionary measures.

These provide for a vigilant watch on Axis nationals and the strengthening of the police force at State industrial centres.

SHIP IN CITY DOCKS ON FIRE

The sudden ignition of some combustible cargo consisting of chemical goods on board a cargo vessel in the Bombay docks on Sunday afternoon sent up gigantic flames and huge clouds of smoke which could be seen for miles around.

About a dozen fire-engines from several stations in the city and the Auxiliary Fire Service which started battling with the devastating flames from a little after mid-day were still operating at the time of writing (midnight).

The origin of the fire which is shrouded in mystery is attributed to an unforeseen accident.

It is learnt from shipping circles that the steamer was discharging some chemicals, when the people round about were startled by the sound of a muffled explosion and the next moment tongues of flame shot up and spread with terrific rapidity. The first explosion was followed by others.

After a hard struggle which lasted for more than full four hours, the fire-fighters succeeded in bringing the fire under control to a certain extent. The fire though considerably subdued is still burning.

Though the damage caused has not yet been ascertained it is estimated to be considerable.

No lives, it is reliably understood were involved in the accident.

Bombay National Guards

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The 7th anniversary of the National Guards was held to-day at the Congress House, Mr. Abidalli Jafferbhoy presiding.

Mr. Abidalli went round to inspect the Guards, who had been lined up and was introduced to the officers of the National Guard.

In a short speech Mr. Abidalli said that there was a great necessity in India for a non-violent army and the National Guards fulfilled this need to some extent.

In the afternoon, the members of the National Guards met at Napoo Hall, when a programme of dance, music, magic, etc. was gone through.

PUNJAB OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAHORE, Jan. 24.

The 19th Punjab Olympic Athletic Championships opened in Lahore this afternoon.

The championships were declared open by Mr. A. C. Griffin, General Manager North Western Railway. Two records were created during the after noon.—A. P.

RECEPTION TO JANJIRA DEWAN

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A reception to Rao Bahadur Kotak, Dewan of Janjira, was given this evening by Dr. and Mrs. Saluke, and some subjects of Janjira at the Social Service League Hall.

Replying to the felicitations the Dewan referred to the progress of the state in education, medical relief and other spheres and said that taxation compared favourably with what prevailed in British India.

"SUBHAS DAY".—The programme chalked out by the Fort Students' Union, Bombay Students' Union in collaboration with Bombay Forward Bloc to celebrate "Subhas Day", is as under: 8 a.m. Flag salutation at the office of the Union at 71 Bazargate Street; 8-30 a.m. Cycle procession from the office of the Union 11 a.m. Students procession, Students' meeting at Azad Maidan at 12 noon Mr. M.L. Shah will preside.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Telegraphic communication with Labuan Brunie, British North Borneo and Japanese-occupied Malaya, has been suspended.

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TANK BATTLE IN LIBYA

Rommel Contacts Main Allied Forces: Confused Fighting Over Vast Area

CAIRO, Jan. 25.

Confused fighting occurred over a considerable area to the south and south-east of Antelat yesterday according to a British Middle East 'communique.'

Enemy Plans Foiled

Reuter's special correspondent writes:—British and Axis tanks are now in battle in the triangle between Jedabya-Antelat and Saunnu but up to the time of writing, the results are not known in Cairo. The enemy's aim was plainly to try to disrupt the preparations which we have been making for a fresh attack on him, for in the triangle named are preparations which Gen. Rommel would dearly love to destroy.

Gen. Rommel is now in contact with our main forces in this area. The forces engaged on both sides consist of lorry-borne infantry, tanks, armoured-cars and naturally, anti-tank batteries, and on our side, 25 founders which proved such splendid weapons against tanks earlier in the campaign.

RAID ON AXIS SUPPLY COLUMNS.

To-day's Middle East R. A. F. "communique" states: "During yesterday our aircraft were constantly in action in the battle area of Libya. A force of enemy tanks and motor transport on Jedabya-Antelat track was successfully attacked. Our fighters also raided enemy supply columns south of Jedabya. Many motor transport vehicles were either destroyed or badly damaged and patrol trailer was set on fire.

Other fires were seen to break out in enemy columns. On Thursday, our fighters shot down one Messerschmitts 110, damaged other enemy aircraft and successfully machine-gunned enemy motorized units west of Jedabya.—Reuter.

TRIPOLI RAIDED

ROME, January 25.

A communique states that the R.A.F. raided Tripoli and localities along the Sirte Coast.—Reuter.

RED ARMY THRUST FROM VALDAI HILLS

Surprise Attack On Enemy: Nazi Retreat Cut Off

MOSCOW, Jan. 24.

The Soviet Sunday morning 'communique' says: "During the night of January 24 our troops continued active operations against German Fascist troops.'

Reports of the Red Army thrust from the Valdai Hills show that its surprise nature was one of the principal reasons for the Soviet victory. For four months Soviet troops in the sector south of Ostashkov had remained patiently on the defensive. When the order to attack came on January 9th the Germans were taken unawares and broke from their lines. Conditions were difficult for the attackers as the whole of region is interspersed with lakes and the Germans has prepared defensive positions in many of the captured villages and towns.

SURPRISE ATTACK

As this was considered a quiet front the Germans had also established large supply dumps in the rear containing all kinds of food and equipment. Despite fortifications the area seems to have been held by a very mixed collection of troops—a number of regiments of infantry, some sappers, various police detachments and some cavalry. The attack was launched from a side where no action was expected by the Germans and the town swiftly fell. Soviet troops retained the initiative and surprise element by making a night march of 16 miles often waist deep in snow through woods and finally came out to the outskirts of Andreapol unnoticed. Although all approach to the town had been heavily mined they were able to launch an assault from two sides.

RETREAT CUT OFF

With the swift seizure of this point, the way of retreat for the German troops at Selizharéva was cut off. When Soviet units reached the important junction of Torpets they made a feint frontal assault while the main bodies of troops moved in from the south and north-east, again quickly squeezing out the enemy.—Reuter.

ELABORATE PLAN OF SOCIAL WORK

Youth Conference Plea For Servants Of Parsi Society

On the resumption of the session of the Parsi Youth Conference on Sunday morning Mr. B. M. Mistry moved that the Conference offered its greetings to the brave youths of Russia, China, Great Britain and other freedom-loving nations for their sacrifice in the cause of democracy and human liberty, and desired to express its whole-hearted admiration and sympathy in their present struggle against forces of totalitarianism. The resolution further assured comrades in India that the Parsi youth was with them in maintaining the unity and indivisibility of India and was ready to offer its full co-operation in achieving the freedom of the country.

Moving the resolution Mr. Mistry said that it was a tribute to the millions of young men fighting all over the world in the cause of democracy. He urged the Parsis to think of themselves in terms of Indians first and Parsis afterwards.

Mr. Doongaji seconded the resolution, and Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan, Prof. Driver, Miss Nariman, Mr. Dubash and Mr. Nanavati supported it. It was carried unanimously.

One more resolution urged the organisation of a Recreation movement with special emphasis on play-grounds. The resolution further declared that a scheme be immediately set afoot, at first in selected areas and later to spread to other areas.

PLEA FOR ECONOMIC

The resolution moved by Miss Piloo Nanavati expressed the opinion that Parsis should understand the pristine teachings of their religions in their true spirit and inculcate them in their daily life so as to build up character and discipline in the community. Further the resolution urged the necessity of economy in the observance of religious and other ceremonies that have at present become burdensome to the poor.

SERVANTS OF PARSI SOCIETY

When the Conference met again in the evening Dr. Behram Mehta moved that the Servants of Parsi Society, to be organised in the near future for putting at the disposal of the community a group of trained and efficient full-time social workers, should take into consideration the urgent need of a programme which should comprise the following:— (1) The institution of family Care work and the organisation of work with a view to complete rehabilitation of the community, (2) The improvement in the system and methods of management of colonies and charity blocks and provision of welfare programmes for the benefit of tenants residing in them, (3) intensification and expansion of the measures taken by the community for the benefit and welfare of the Parsi mother and child.

All the resolutions were carried unanimously.

LADY JEHANGIR'S APPEAL

After the new Executive of 30 was appointed, Lady Jehangir winded up the proceedings. She appealed to all the youngsters to come forward to execute effectively all the resolutions adopted at the Conference.

Prizes to the winners of the elocution competition were distributed by Lady Jehangir.

In his address on Saturday as the Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Conference, Prof. Choksi referred to the gift of triple vision, which he said was evident in the resolutions before the House. It was a vision that saw first the community and its conditions of life, next, beyond that the whole country and its present position, and finally the whole world itself of whose civilization and culture they were all the trustees. Elucidating his point speaker said that each vision turned into illusion if held by itself. If they held firmly to the triple vision they had to realise that in the modern world no community was sufficient unto itself or could stand by itself. Yet in the initial stage the Parsi youth had to work in the communal sphere only, for in that sphere lay problems that called for hard work. In the larger sphere of nationhood Parsi youth could only play a part alongside other youth, and in doing so lose their identity as Parsis.

Berlin Claim

BERLIN: Fighting on the Eastern Front is continuing in intense cold states a German Communique.

South of Kharkov several Soviet tanks were destroyed, when an enemy attack was repulsed.

On the Karelian front, German and Finnish aircraft inflicted heavy losses in men and material on the Russians.

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Inspecting the Bombay Units of No. 3 and No. 16 Districts, St. John Ambulance Brigade, on Sunday morning, the Governor of Bombay in the course of his address said:

This is the first occasion on which a number of new Divisions in No. 3 District and the three Ambulance Divisions in No. 16 District have appeared on an occasion of this kind. I have been particularly glad to see them, and I am confident that they will, by today's parade, feel strengthened by this evidence of their corporate unity in a great and beneficent organisation. I congratulate you all on the obvious keenness which you have shown on this parade. It is evidence of the fine spirit which inspires you in this work.

The record of service of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas in this Province throughout the past year is one with which you have every reason to be proud.

I understand that the personnel of the Ambulance Divisions have already been allotted to duties, and that, after providing 150 for the embarkation authorities, some 600 will be available as volunteers for first-aid and other duties in connection with A. R. P. The Nursing Divisions, too, are preparing to assist in A. R. P., and I would like particularly to congratulate the Muslim Nursing Division, every member of which has volunteered to man First Aid Posts in case of air raids. More volunteers are required, both for First Aid Posts and for Hospital duty following an air raid, and I appeal to all those who can possibly do so to give their services and to volunteer "now".

New Admirals Of Br. Fleet

LONDON, Jan. 25.

New Admirals for the Fleet are announced by the Admiralty to-day. Vice-Admiral Sir Wilbraham T. R. Forde is promoted Admiral, and acting Vice-Admiral Alban T. B. Curteis is promoted Vice-Admiral.

The Admiralty also announce the following appointments:— Admiral Sir Wilbraham Forde to be Commander-in-Chief, Rosyth, in succession to Vice-Admiral, Sir Carles G. Ramsey to date April. Vice-Admiral L. V. Wells to be Flag Officer Commanding, Orkneys and Shetlands, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir T. Hugh Binney to date January 7. Vice-Admiral Ralph Leatham to be Flag Officer-in-charge, Malta, in succession to Admiral Sir Wilbraham T. R. Forde to date January 19.

MYSORE MINISTER. Mr J. Mohamed Imam, Minister for Education to the Government of Mysore, will pay a visit to the National Kannada Education Society's Primary School at Matunga to-day at 10-45 A.M.

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Indianise Control Of Art Education

Bombay Provincial Conference Also Urges Decentralisation Of System

BOMBAY, Sunday.

In an atmosphere of heated discussion and apologies many resolutions of far-reaching importance were passed in the second day's sitting of the 1st Bombay Provincial Art Conference at the Sir J. Mody Hall, with Sjt. Ravishankar Raval in the chair.

A number of resolutions were discussed and adopted the most important being that the J. J. School of Arts be forthwith Indianised.

A resolution was also adopted that the Artists should patronise and encourage Swadeshi.

DECENTRALISE.

The most controversial resolution on the agenda, however, was that the system of Art Education in the Province be immediately overhauled with a view to decentralisation.

Miss Mhatre, supporting this resolution pointed out that so long as the Director of one institution was the final authority there was bound to be detriment to Art Education.

Mr. Kshirsagar trying to explain the difficulties called the gathering a "lay audience". Pandemonium broke loose and he was compelled to apologise.

The resolution was carried by a large majority.

Discussing the need of having an Indian in charge of Art Education, Mr. J. Ambedkar deprecated the undesirable influence of foreigners.

Mr. A. J. Lalkaka wanted that in a question like this only abilities be recognised and nationality should not predominate.

Mr. S. Dhopeshwarkar remarked that the chair was being influenced and had to apologise. He wanted this resolution to 'request' and not to 'demand' and that 'as soon as practicable', not 'immediately'.

The original resolution was however, carried by an overwhelming margin.

A number of other resolutions of minor importance were passed.

Mr. Gopal Deuskar when asked to give his experiences in Art Education in a very brief speech emphasised that Art Education could never be controlled by any one man, however competent, as the problem was much too wide. He reiterated the need of a competent and independent Advisory Board.

Syt. V. P. Karmarkar, Chairman of the Reception Committee, of the B. P. Artists' Conference which opened on Cama Oriental Institute.

Western Culture And Eastern Ideals

ART OF SAROJINI DEVI BEAUTIFIED INDIAN LIFE,

That the writings of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu were representative of the marriage of Western culture and Eastern ideals, in which lay the hope of the future greatness of India was the view expressed by Mr. Satyavrata Mukherji, speaking on "The Art of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu" under the auspices of the P.E.N. at the rooms of the Royal Asiatic Society on Saturday evening Mrs. Lilavati Munshi presided.

Mr. Mukherji said that the last poetical works of Mrs. Naidu were published in 1917. Since then her poetry had become mute and all the vigour and verve of her personality was being exercised in new spheres of activity—the energising of the people of this country to new forms of political reconstruction.

The art of Sarojini Naidu at its best was the expression of a subtle imaginative interpretation of the universe.

The speaker traced the growth of English poetry in India from the half-formed early ebullitions of the students of De Rosia and Captain Richards at the Hindu College, Calcutta, to the early English writings of Michael Madhusudan Datta and Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, and then the work of Toru Dutt—a "fragile, exotic blossom of song".

Compared to the poems of Toru Dutt even the earliest poetry of Sarojini had a subtle artistry about it.

Dr. Mukherji then narrated how Sarojini went to England, an anglicised school girl lisping about robins and skylarks, how she came in touch with poets like Lionel Johnson, W. B. Yates and Arthur Simmons, and caught something of their rich and unquiet life, and how she came back with a new soul responsive to the beauty and voluptuous fragrance of Indian life.

Central Advisory Health Board

CALCUTTA, Jan. 25.

The report of the Committee on Leprosy and its Control in India figures prominently on the agenda for the fourth meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Health, which meets here from January 26 to 28 under the presidency of the Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarker, Member for Education, Health and Lands, Government of India.

"THE STUDENT"

The Soviet number of "The Student" is just out and it gives us an idea of the enthusiasm of the Student World on the Soviet's gallant stand against the aggressor. It reflects in many ways the mind of the student world on the war since it involved the U.S.S.R. On the whole a readable numbers.

GUJARAT PREPARES TO MEET RISKS OF DISORDER

BARDOLI, Jan. 24.

With a view to preparing the rural as well as the urban areas of Gujarat for averting panic and meeting the risks of disorder and lawlessness of which signs have become manifest in several parts a meeting of the Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee under the presidency of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was held. The meeting resolved to take charge of and work through the Shanti Sevak Sangh (Peace Service) established under the direction of Mahatma Gandhi to cope with the situation created in the province as a consequence of the communal riots in Ahmedabad.—United Press.

FIVE AXIS TANKS DESTROYED

CAIRO, Jan. 25.

British Middle East Communique states: "It is now established that during one phase of the fighting on January 23 at least five enemy tanks were destroyed.

On January 24 confused fighting took place over a considerable area to the south and south-east of Antelat. Southwest of Saunnu a group of enemy tanks was attacked during the morning by our artillery and infantry and was dispersed.

Enemy transport and tanks on the track at Jedabya-Antelat were successfully attacked by our aircraft. Several vehicles were destroyed and fires started".—Reuter.

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Bombay: January 24.

The following rates prevailed in the market on 24th day of January, 1942:—

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11 a.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 208/8
12-30 p.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 208/8
2-30 p.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 206/8
April/May Highest	Rs. 210/0
April/May Lowest	Rs. 206/0

Chhoi Silk Mill Co. Ltd.

The following are extracts from the Directors' Report, submitted before the annual meeting of the Chhoi Silk Mill Co., Ltd.:—

Your Directors beg to submit their Annual Report together with the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1941, showing a loss of Rs. 38,991-12-11. Adding the debit balance of Rs. 46,132-6-0 brought over from last year's Account, there remains a total loss of Rs. 85,124-2-11 which your Directors propose to carry forward to next year's Account

General meeting was held on 19-1-42. Mr. Manecksha N. Pochkhanawala (Chairman) presided.

All Resolutions were duly passed.

BENGAL SHARE DEALERS' SYNDICATE, LTD.

A copy of audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account of this Syndicate for the half year ended the 30th September, 1941, has been received for a review. It is a concern having an authorised Capital of Rs. 25,00,000 established for dealing in Stock and Shares. As shown in the Balance Sheet shares worth Rs. 8,93,500 were upto the 30th September, 1941 sold out of which a sum of Rs. 4,28,550 was paid up. The amount subscribed upto the 31st December, 1941 came to Rs. 11,69,850.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 16th January:—

1. Demand Liabilities:	
(a) In India	215,39,40,000
(b) In Burma	10,78,84,000
2. Time Liabilities:	
(a) In India	106,58,41,000
(b) In Burma	3,98,88,000
3. Cash:	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes:	
(a) In India	8,38,75,000
(b) In Burma	31,000
(ii) Burma Notes:	
(a) In India	13,000
(b) In Burma	64,14,000
(iii) Rupee Coin:	
(a) In India	1,06,10,000
(b) In Burma	1,19,000
(iv) Subsidiary Coin:	
(a) In India	35,35,000
(b) In Burma	32,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	36,49,98,000
5. Advances:	
(a) In India	117,82,08,000
(b) In Burma	3,50,49,000
6 Bills Discounted:	
(a) In India	5,81,59,000
(b) In Burma	10,57,000

Comparative statement of the position of scheduled banks.

(In thousand Rupees)

	16-1-1942	9-1-1942	17-1-1941	1-9-1939
1. Demand Liabilities in India & Burma	227,18,24	226,01,90	178,09,11	141,39,78
	10,78,84	11,58,22	9,16,94	7,03,29
2. Time Liabilities in India & Burma	110,57,29	111,87,47	101,27,43	106,46,46
	3,98,88	4,10,15	3,92,02	4,22,12
3. Total cash in India & Burma	10,46,29	10,17,62	8,91,47	7,29,82
	65,96	81,35	46,71	59,37
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	36,49,98	34,20,18	41,36,27	25,27,75
5. Advances in India & Burma	121,42,57	123,66,14	104,65,15	105,65,06
	3,60,49	3,66,62	4,47,86	4,12,92
6. Bills Discounted in India & Burma	5,92,16	5,92,22	3,03,48	3,86,74
	10,57	11,85	15,49	29,45

Note: Figures in respect of banks maintaining their principal account at Rangoon are taken as on 9th January 1942 since later figures have not been received so far.

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay: January 24.

Bengal to-day 650, total 7300. Oomra to-day 16250, total 122,700.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay: January 24.

	Old.	Ready.	Feb.
Bengal Fine	121/24	133/35	.....
Berar	129/34	164/66	.....
C. P. 1	149/54	179/82	.....
C. P. 2	134/39	169/71	.....
Khandesh	99/104	122/27	.....
Muglai	106/9	126/29	Fine
Broach	128/33	.....	—6

TFJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay: January 24.

Wheat May	0	7	0
Linseed May	0	12	0
Groundnut February	1	8	0
Groundnut May	4	8	0
Castorseed May	4	8	0
Cottonseed May	2	4	0
Silver 1st settlement	0	12	0
Silver 2nd Settlement	1	10	0
Gold 1st settlement	0	12	0

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay: January 24.

Pepper ready	109	0	0
Maha Sud 15	106	8	0
Chaitra Sud 15	111	0	0
Ginger ready	38	0	0
Maha Sud 15	39	0	0
Chaitra Sud 15	38	0	0

YARN AND SILK MERCHANTS QUOTATIONS

Bombay: January 24.

64/2 Koru Spot Nissim	24	0	0
64/2 Koru Nissim Spot	36	0	0
80/2 Any Spot	2	9	0
80/2 Any Spot	2	14	3
150 Any Spot	2	6	0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: January 24.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year.	Since 1st Septr Last year
Khandesh	1,051	39,403	51,990
Central India	204	12,630	42,089
Barsi and Nagar	282	31,722	49,212
Hyderabad/Gaorani		4,526	17,166
Berar	3,701	104,497	164,253
Central Provinces	2,724	42,086	27,591
Total Oomras	8,412	234,864	352,301
Dholeras		15,008	21,652
N.-W. Provinces		1,021	465
Rajputana		378	2,256
Sind-Punjab		239,796	231,089
Broach	1,027	24,563	10,548
Coompta and Dharwar		6,413	27,164
Westerns-Northerns		5,956	28,153
Cocanada			239
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		8,476	522
Total	9,439	440,505	674,389
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TRADE AND SPECULATIVE BUYING IN N. Y. COTTON

Compromise On Price Control Bill

SCALE UP HEDGING AND SOUTHERN SELLING

BOMBAY, Jan. 24.

On Friday the New York cotton market again ruled firm on active trade and speculative buying prices reached new high levels. The buyers are looking for higher prices and easily absorb all offerings.

It is reported that some compromise is arrived at on the Price Control Bill which was the main feature responsible for active buying. There was no talk of inflation but the market remains in a constructive position after the recent rise the market may react temporarily but the main trend remains up.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York cotton prices advanced sharply on general buying stimulated by the compromise on the Control Bill which absorbed active scale-up hedging by a Houston Spot House and southern selling but reacted partially on heavy profit taking attracting renewed trade and Commission House demand.

Chicago grains touched the highest for five years. The compromise Price Control Bill prompted general buying. Wheat edged off from the best on technical profit taking.

New York March delivery opened at a rise of 19 points at 18.94 and declined to 18.93 which was the highest level. Thereafter immediately jumped up to 19.21 points and this remained the top for the day. The rise attracted heavy selling which was well absorbed and the market finally closed at a net rise of 26 to 32 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 31 points at 20.59 c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans Cotton futures market was also firm and closed at a rise of 22 to 29 points. Spot Cotton prices advanced 28 points at 19.60 c. per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar & Co., state: Influenced by the sharp advance in America, local market opened very steady. Scattered realising at the outset depressed prices but strength of Mahajan, which was higher than Pacca, brought in fresh buying resulting in an advance to Rs. 269. At this level renewed selling by bears coupled with some realising by bulls reacted prices. The special feature of the day was the sharp fall in January Oomra contract being quoted Rs. 4/12 discount from March delivery and Rs. 54/12 from May. Broach contract. The total tenders in December/January Oomra contract are 1,06,450 bales. The sustained improvement in yard and piecegoods was another bright feature. Excepting professionals, outside operators seem disinterested, because, on the one hand, cotton prices look extremely cheap in relation to other commodities or foreign cotton but on the other side, war reports give no stimulation to cotton buyers.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 19.21+46 (10-11 a.m.); Lowest 18.93+18 (10-3 a.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends :—

New York: Continued trade and speculative buying. Market steady

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan. 24.	
March	19.06
May	19.19
July	19.31
Middling Spot	20.58

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Jan. 24.	
March	19.15
May	19.26
July	19.40
Middling Spot	19.65

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Jan. 24.	
T. T. London on :—	
New York	4.03-1/2 to 4.03-1/2
Madrid	40.50
Montreal	4.43 to 4.47
Berne	17.30 to 17.40
Stockholm	16.85 to 16.95

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay, January 24

146 pcs Eng squares; 12365 pcs and bundles teakwood; 972 bags dry ginger; 351 bags black pepper; 57 jottas toilet soap; 700 lbs mattress fibre; 130 bags green ginger; 406 bags turmeric; 207 bags sandalwood billets; 33 bags cotton waste; 1834 bags cocoanut poonac; 50 bundles canes; 2048 bags cocoanuts; 25949 bags copra.

AMERICAN COTTON WEEKLY

Bombay : January 24.

F. P. Bales.	1941/42	1940/41
Receipts to date 23-1-42	2739000	2604000
Receipts yesterday 23-1-42	45000	21000
Exports to date 19-12-41		585000
Stock at Ports 15-1-42	3310000	3451000
Stock at interior towns 9-1-42		3303000
Quantity in sight 19 12-41		6908000

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay : January 24.

	Extra Spr-fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U. P.		132	129	126	123
M G Punjs		132	129	126	123
M G Rajputana		138	135	132	129
M G Oomra No. 3	159	156	153	150	...
M G C. P. No. 1	196	192	189	186	...
M G C. P. No. 2	172	169	166	163	...

American Cotton Weekly Statistics

New York, January 23

CORRESPONDING Season	This Season	Week	to-date	week 1940/41	1941
Forwarded to American mills including other American (excluding linters)	5,481	208	7,994	205	
Stock at U. S. Ports	—	3,320	—	3,462	
Receipts at U. S. Ports	2,739	144	3,539	71	

N.B. All in bales 000's omitted.

Certificated stocks ..... 67,000 bales.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay : January 24.

Copper sheets lb. 21—Rs. 106, 28—102, 35—102, 42—100, 49-56—99.

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21—Rs. 110, 24—100, 28—100, 35—95, 42—95, 49-56—94.

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 68. Rosita Rs. 67. Country make Rs. 60. Pigiead 'B.M.' refined Rs. 29/8 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 72 per qr.

SETTLEMENT RATES: Copper sheets Chaitar Rs. 104. Pigiead 'B.M.' Maha Rs. 27/8. Tin Ingot Penang Maha Rs. 71.

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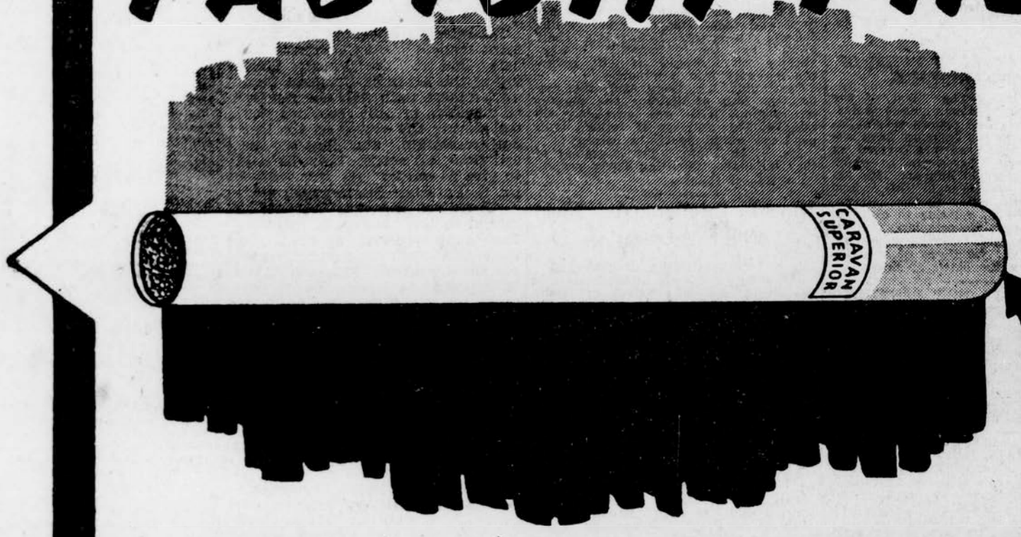

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AIR RAIDS ON SAMARINDA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES DESTROYERS ATTACKED AN ENEMY CONVOY IN MACASSAR STRAITS BLOWING UP ONE SHIP, SINKING ANOTHER AND SEVERELY DAMAGING OTHERS.

Jap Submarine Sunk

LONDON.—An Admiralty communique says: "Information has been received that one of His Majesty's ships operating in Far Eastern waters has destroyed a Japanese submarine. The submarine was brought to the surface by a depth charge and then sunk by gunfire. Some of the crew were taken prisoners."

BATAVIA, Jan. 24.

AS ANNOUNCED IN THE EXTRA REPORT THE BOMBING ATTACK BY OUR BOMBERS ON THE JAPANESE FLEET, IN THE STRAITS OF MACASSAR, RESULTED IN FOUR DIRECT HITS WITH FOUR HEAVY BOMBS ON ONE CRUISER, ONE HEAVY CRUISER, ONE LARGE TRANSPORT SHIP AND ONE WARSHIP RESPECTIVELY, WHILE TWO DIRECT HITS EACH WERE SCORED ON ONE TRANSPORT SHIP, AND TWO LARGE SHIPS WITH LIGHTER BOMBS. ALTOGETHER 12 DIRECT HITS WERE OBTAINED ON EIGHT DIFFERENT SHIPS. THERE WERE NO LOSSES ON OUR SIDE.

TRANSPORTS HIT.

BATAVIA:—Two large Japanese transports and one destroyer have been seriously hit in a Dutch bomber attack, off Barik Papan.

A special Dutch East Indies announcement states:—

"On Saturday bombers of the Royal Netherlands Indies army attacked a Japanese ship concentration, off Balikapan. Two direct hits and several near misses by bombs of 300 kilograms were scored on a big passenger liner which capsized. Another big transport received a direct hit by a bomb of 300 kilograms, while other bombs scored holes in the side of the ship. Furthermore one Japanese destroyer was hit by bombs of 50 kilograms. There are no losses on the side of Netherlands East Indies Airforce."

AIR RAIDS ON SAMARINDA

BATAVIA:—The headquarters of the Netherlands East Indies forces at Batavia issued the following 'communique' on Saturday: "In the last 24 hours there was some air activity here and there in the outer provinces. The only actions worth mentioning were air raids on Samarinda where a few bombs were dropped and which was machine-gunned and ternate, where only one bomb was dropped. During the attack on Samarinda one man and one woman were killed. Material damage was very small. Slight damage was caused by the attack on ternate which was carried out by one aircraft but there were no casualties.

PEARL HARBOUR RAID ENQUIRY

WASHINGTON:—The responsibility for what happened at Pearl Harbour (Hawaii) during the Japanese attack on December 7 is believed to be fixed in a report delivered at the White House on Saturday, by Mr. Owen Roberts, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, who headed the Special Investigation Committee. Mr. Roberts will review the report with President Roosevelt.

Forty-three minutes before the attack began at 7-55 a report had reached the Pearl Harbour naval base that a United States naval vessel and a naval patrol plane had sighted and sunk a submarine, off Pearl Harbour. On receipt of the report the base watch officer notified the Chief Staff, but no alert warnings were issued. Most of the damage is attributed to torpedoes launched from Japanese planes.

DERELICTION OF DUTY

WASHINGTON:—The Hawaiian naval authorities were warned by Washington ten days before the Japanese attack that aggression against the Philippines was expected but, says an official report, the warning "did not create in the minds of responsible officials in the Hawaiian area apprehension as to the probable imminence of air-raids."

Admiral Kimmel and the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department Lt.-General Walter Short, are accused in the report of "Dereliction of duty".

LACK OF INTEREST

Admiral Kimmel and Lt.-General Short "failed to consult and confer with one another about the warnings." Their "lack of interest" in what the other was doing "showed lack of appreciation of the responsibilities vested in them. The necessity of getting ready "to avert or meet air-raids was no considered." Admiral Kimmel, Lt.-General Short and senior subordinates, as well as principal staff officers "without exception believed that the chances of an air-raid were practically nil". The report says: "It was therefore a complete surprise to them".

JAP SPIES BUSY

Japanese spies apparently knew that no force of the navy was anywhere in the sector north-east, north or north-west of the Hawaiin islands. They knew that no distant aeroplane reconnaissance was maintained in any sector. They knew that up to December 6 no inshore air patrol was being maintained around Oahu island.

The Japanese knew the exact location of vital airfields and where certain important naval vessels would be berthed. Japanese fliers had detailed maps of courses and bearings, so that each could attack a given vessel or a field.

CENTRE OF ESPIONAGE

It is believed that the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu, where more than 200 agents were acting last summer, served as the centre of espionage activity. The attack was made by three or four aircraft carriers, some supporting surface craft and a few small submarines.

ONLY "FRIENDLY PLANES"!

Pearl Harbour:—Despite warnings from Washington Admiral Kimmel assumed but made no enquiry to check whether the aircraft warning system was operating fully—in point of fact a temporary system only was in operation up to December 7, and that had shut down at 07 on the fateful Sunday. An officer in training who had remained at one station discovered at 07-02 a "large flight of planes", about 130 miles north of Oahu and reported this 18 minutes later to the Lieutenant who decided that they were friendly and took no action.

Asked if he wished to make a statement on the findings of the Pearl Harbour Investigating Committee report, Lt.-General Short replied "not a word."—Reuter.

CONFUSED FIGHTING

MELBOURNE:— Australian forces, which had been cut off in Malaya, have escaped and rejoined their command, according to a cable received by the War Minister, Mr. Forde from Major-General Bennett. The message adds that fighting is still extremely confused. Indian troops on the Australian flank were weakened when the Japanese landed behind them, thus cutting off the Australians who made their way back through difficult country and in constant danger from the Japanese.

Reports give no indication of how the battle in Rabaul is progressing, but this does not necessarily mean that the island has fallen to the enemy, as it is possible that resistance may be continuing in parts away from the harbour. No message has yet been received direct from the military officer in charge of Rabaul. The War Cabinet will continue its meetings throughout the week-end, while the War Advisory Council will shortly be summoned.

Although no official announcement has yet been made, it is authoritatively stated that a general black-out of the Australian coast will shortly be ordered.

AUSTRALIANS' REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

JOHORE FRONT:—Two beleaguered Australian infantry battalions, cut off by overwhelming numbers of the Japanese, almost succeeded in achieving the impossible by fighting their way out at the point of bayonet. How they failed by a few miles to rejoin the main British forces makes stark tragic reading. Yesterday and to-day small escape parties were reaching Australian lines, but it is known that both the battalions suffered heavy casualties. Action took place in the Muar river area. The Australian battalions fought a crack Japanese division continuously for four days and nights, effectively blocking the Japanese tank attack and protecting the vital British left flank.

General Bennet said: "There has never been more astounding effort in this war or the last. Their devotion to duty will be difficult to surpass and the people of Australia and the British Empire have every reason to be proud of them."

AUSTRALIAN APPEAL FOR MORE WAR SUPPLIES

WASHINGTON:—The Australian Minister to the United States Mr. Richard Casey is seeing President Roosevelt. He will presumably present Australia's urgent appeal for American planes and war supplies to check the Japanese.

OUR VOICE SHALL BE HEARD

Australia Wants Seat In Imperial War Cabinet

PERTH: — The Commonwealth Prime Minister, Mr. John Curtin, in a statement at Perth on Saturday said Australia's position regarding higher strategic direction of the war was clear and decisive. "Australia makes it plain that it claims representation in the Imperial War Cabinet to ensure that Australia's voice will be heard directly REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR IN TOTAL. AUSTRALIA ALSO CLAIMS THAT A PACIFIC WAR COUNCIL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON WHICH COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE PACIFIC MIGHT COLLABORATE IN DEALING WITH WAR PROBLEMS IN THAT THEATRE."

Mr. Curtin also declared that it had now become imperative that the nine million British in the Pacific should have a direct say in the conducting of total resistance which the democracies must invoke against the enemy to achieve victory. "I make this declaration as supplementary to the numerous direct communications similar in nature that the Australian Government has been dispatching to those concerned", he concluded.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN PLAN FOR PACIFIC DEFENCE

SYDNEY, January 24.

"Australia now speaks with a voice that will not be ignored," declared Senator Ashley, Commonwealth Postmaster-General and Minister of Information today.

"Plans have been formulated by Government for submission to the Allied Governments in Washington, London and Sourabaya for the Defence of the Pacific. The Australian Government today is not wearing kid gloves and expects the fullest cooperation from every individual and every section of the community".—Reuter.

"AUSTRALIA HERSELF PARTLY TO BLAME"

SYDNEY.—While there is full backing here for Governments call for overseas aid to stem the Japanese onrush, an influential section of Australian opinion maintains that Australia herself is partly to blame for the present situation.

The Sydney "Sunday Sun" declares, in an editorial criticises in this tune.—Reuter.

U. S. DESTROYERS ACTIVE

WASHINGTON.—United States destroyers have been in action in the Far East, according to a navy department communique issued at 17.00 (E.S.T.) on Saturday. The communique says: "The Far East navy department has been advised by the Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Fleet that United States destroyers made a night attack on an enemy convoy in Macassar straits. Our forces made several torpedo hits and close-range gun hits on destroyers and transports..

Atlantic Area: Enemy submarines are operating off at the coast of the United States as Far South as Savannah. Counter measures against their activities are continuing with favourable results.

Other Areas: Nothing to report".—Reuter.

JAP. VIOLATION OF RULES OF LAND WARFARE

WASHINGTON:—The text of the War Department Communique states: "General MacArthur reports several instances in which the Japanese have violated rules of land warfare covered by the international agreement to which Japan is a party. On January 15th Japan announced through Switzerland that she would abide by the international convention relating to captured prisoners of war. Nevertheless, General MacArthur reports, there have been several Japanese violations of the convention during the battle of Batan.

THEY SHALL NOT CAPTURE SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE:—Governor Sir Shenton Thomas referring to the people of Johore in a broadcast on Saturday evening said: "Our trust is in them that they will play their part worthingly alongside the Imperial Forces who are fighting for their freedom. WE ARE ALL HERE TOGETHER IN THIS WAR AND WE ARE ALL DETERMINED—EUROPEAN AND ASIATIC—TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE ENEMY SHALL NOT CAPTURE SINGAPORE. My last words are those of the Prime Minister, that brave men would 'never yield to force'."—Reuter.

DEFENCE OF ATLANTIC COAST

BUENOS AIRES:—Important measures concerning the defence of the Atlantic Coast have been approved by the Argentine Government. They include retention with colours until March 31st of 1920 class of conscripts, incorporation of the 1921 class, thereby forming an army of 100,000 men and provision of escorts for merchantships while in Argentine territorial waters.—Reuter.

50 PASSENGERS IN BOAT DISASTER

NOAKHALI, Jan. 24.

Information has reached here of a serious boat disaster in the Bamniya channel, involving, it is feared, the loss of several lives. A big country boat, carrying 52 passengers, mostly women, belonging to Sundvip island, while crossing the channel on return from the Ludmuksha mela in the mainland, suddenly capsized.

The boat is reported to have violently struck against a submerged 'chur' with the result that the planks gave way throwing all the occupants overboard. Four men succeeded in swimming ashore, while the bodies of two women have been recovered, being washed ashore, at Char Badu, on the Sundvip side.—A. P.

CONSOLIDATE EVERY INDIAN INTO NATION

"India's Freedom Problem Cannot Be Solved By Religious Divisions"

"The problem that confronts us today is of being here and not hereafter. I want you to realise the present condition of the world and particularly the present condition of India and decide for yourself what part the Christian community would play in the struggle for the freedom of our country", observed Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, addressing a mass meeting of Indian Christians held on Sunday morning at the Instituto Luso-Indiano Hall, Burrows Lane, Dabul, Bombay, under the auspices of the Nationalist Christian Party. Mr. Ignatius Fonseca, presided.

Mr. Desai exorted the audience to look at the question of India's independence in the light of world events and arrive at a decision only when they had carefully weighed the facts that were responsible for the present world conflagration.

Practically followers of all the great religious denominations in the universe were involved in the struggle for power and they had all discarded the higher principles of their faiths, namely, service to humanity, which had been relegated to the churches, mosques and temples. Religion, had from careful observations, served humanity very little indeed.

The salient question that had to be faced, therefore, was the place of religion as a real issue in the realm of politics so far as it concerned India.

The present struggle between the world's belligerent powers was not based on religious causes. For instance the Axis alliance consisted of Christian Germany, Catholic Italy and Buddhist Japan. Similarly also it did not mean that the alliance of Christian Britain and America with Bolshevist Russia was the yoking together of Christianity and Godlessness.

If the question of the country's freedom was considered on the religious basis as had been happening hitherto, said Mr. Desai, then Indians would never be able to consolidate themselves into a united nation.

Explaining the attitude of the Congress in the matter of the division of the country on religious basis, Mr. Desai, observed that the question was not what place this or that community would hold in the country but the place every individual Indian would hold as a component of the Indian nation.

JINNAH'S DEMAND IMPOSSIBLE

In case the Congress were to accept the scheme envisaged by Mr. M. A. Jinnah demanding a fifty-fifty division of the country, even for the sake of a doubtful peace, then asked the speaker, could it have the scheme ratified by the country? Such a scheme would leave half the population of the country without any share.

In India there were about a dozen races and each one of them would demand a share from the half given to the majority community, which would virtually reduce the majority into a minority.

Continuing Mr. Desai said, that unless the idea of dividing the country on religious basis was completely eliminated the problem of India's independence would never be solved.

Mr. F. M. Pinto, the Secretary of the Nationalist Christian Party proposed a vote of thanks.

World Intellectuals Must Fight Aggression

CALCUTTA, January 25.

"The duty of all intellectuals in the world, especially those of India and China, is not only to help in overcoming the Fascists, the Nazis and the Japanese aggressors but to pave the way for permanent peace and absolute freedom for all the peoples and nations in the world after the present war", said Prof. Tan Yun-Shan of China, who is in charge of the Viswa-Bharati China Bhaban at Santiniketan, in course of his address at the inauguration ceremony of the Progressive Cultural Association, which was held at Hazra Park to-day. Prof. Humayun Kabir presided.

Prof. Kabir, in the course of his address said so long as one single country remained in bondage there could be no solution of the political and economic problem of the world because politics and economics were the very foundation of culture.

A resolution urging that as Fascism being an uncompromising enemy of the progressive forces, varied inversely with culture, their effort to fight the most shameful phenomenon of present-day civilisation in the cultural-front should be exerted immediately was adopted at the meeting.—A. P.

Rio Conference Approves Of Severing Relations With Axis

"Potential State Of War Between Axis & Brazil"

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 24.

The Economic Committee of the Pan-American Conference has unanimously approved of the rupture of economic relations with the Axis.

HULL ON BENEFICIAL RESULTS OF MOVE

WASHINGTON.—The Rio Conference's agreement to "recommend" severance of relations with the Axis, represents substantial progress in the hemisphere resistance to Germany, Italy, and Japan, Mr. Cordell Hull told a press conference to-day.

Mr. Hull noted that some modification had been made in the original suggestion concerning rupture with the Axis, but added that the beneficial results towards the ends which all the 21 republics are seeking, could be expected.

RIO DE JANEIRO.—The Economic Commission's recommendation for a rupture of economic relations with the Axis was approved by Argentina, but with a reservation to the effect that she was prepared to take measures applying control to business or enterprises directed or controlled by foreigners or directly by belligerent nations not belonging to the American Continent.

This reservation enables Argentina to take measures against all non-American belligerent undertakings whether they belong to the Axis or not. The plenary session of the Economic Commission took note of Argentina's reservation, but did not adopt it.

AXIS DEPLORES!

RIO DE JANEIRO.—Axis Governments have, according to authoritative Brazilian circles, sent letters to Senor Aranha, President of the Rio Conference "deploring" the turn the Conference had taken. One letter suggested that "a potential state of war exists between the Axis and Brazil" in view of the announcement of an imminent rupture of relations.

EFFECT OF JAPAN'S ATTACK

Brazil is reported to have replied that while the war remained confined to Europe, she had maintained exemplary neutrality, but after Japan attacked the United States, she had decided to adopt a new attitude which she would maintain firmly. If the Axis reported with a declaration of war, Brazil could only deplore such an action, but could accept no responsibility for the consequences.

SIGNATURE TO-DAY

RIO DE JANEIRO.—The formal declaration by the Pan-American Conference recommending rupture of diplomatic relations with the Axis will probably be ready for signature on Monday morning. On Sunday the co-ordinating committee will meet to draft the final text.

The Uruguayan delegate, Senor Gnani, has announced that his Government will sign the decree rupturing relations with the Axis on Monday.—Reuter.

DEFENCE OF "GREAT PRINCIPLES" OF ATLANTIC CHARTER.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 25.

The decision of the Political Commission to refer the question of adherence to the Atlantic Charter back to a Committee provoked an impassioned debate at the Pan-American Conference.

Senores Aranha Rossiti and Guinazu raised objections.

Mr. Welles defended "the great principles of the Charter" and said that there was no single point in the Charter which could not be accepted, its principles belonged to no one country but expressed the unanimous aspirations of humanity.

Despite appealr, Senor Aranha proposed that the Commission should agree to refer back the matter to a Committee consisting of Brazil, Mexico, Columbia, Argentina and Chile.—Reuter

Peru Breaks Off With Axis

VICHY, Jan. 25.

The Peruvian Government has broken off diplomatic and consular relations with Germany, Italy and Japan it is officially announced in Lima, says a Lima despatch to the Vichy News Agency.—Reuter.

CONGRESS SESSION NECESSARY?

A.I.C.C. Verdict Binding On The Nation, Says Pattabhi

MASULIPATAM, Jan. 24.

Interviewed regarding the statement made some Congress leaders that at the Wardha meeting of the All-India Congress Committee more than half the number of members present remained neutral during the voting on the Bardoli resolution, and that a special Congress session must be held to give a verdict on the matter, Dr. B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya said:

"There are different versions in regard to the number of members that supported and opposed the resolution and the number that remained neutral. Maulana Azad is reported as having stated that only three or four remained neutral. Whatever that be, it is open to anyone to say that a session of the Congress must be held, but in the meanwhile, the verdict of the A.-I. C. C. is binding upon the nation.

"Indeed, the resolution of Wardha does not commit the nation to participation in the war effort here and now.—United Press.

LEND TO DEDEND, APPEALS COLLECTOR OF POONA

POONA, January 25.

"Perils have been survived, dangers have been overcome and so successfully that every now and then we are tempted to hope for and to imagine the impossible that there is a short cut that our own efforts will not be needed. We must do all we can, above all just now. Go about our own business calm and carry on as usual, but lend to defend, and that is the message of this week and the message to Poona", said Mr. T. Streatfield, Collector and District Magistrate of Poona in the course of an appeal for money at a meeting last evening, convened to invite cooperation and explain the idea underlying the "Defend India Week", which has been proposed to be held here from February 28 to March 3.

MOORE'S TALK ON "LONDONERS IN AIR RAIDS"

CALCUTTA, Jan. 24.

"If you are determined in your own heart and mind that the Japs will never frighten you out of Calcutta or make you desert your job, if you are determined to play the man, to show them what you can stand, that Calcutta can take it, and Bengal and India will be proud of her, then you will do your part." Thus observed Mr. Arthur Moore, Editor of the "Statesman", in a talk on "Londoners in air raids", at the A.R.P. Educational Forum at the Calcutta Corporation Commercial Museum, to-night.—A. P

CENTRAL KISAN COUNCIL

Sreemati Bharati Devi Ranga, General Secretary, All-India Kisan Sabha, announces that the Central Kisan Council will be meeting on the 12th February at Nagpur in the office of the C. P. Provincial Kisan Sabha to review the policy and programme of the A.-I. K. S. in view of the latest developments in the National and International situation, to consider the report of the constitution Sub-Committee and other organisational matters.

CHARLIE CHAN — LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG — By ALFRED ANDRIOLA

IT'S SO STILL, SO GLOOMY! BUT CHAN CAN'T KID ME! CONWAY'S DEAD - BUT I'LL MAKE A BLUFF AND SPEAK TO HIM! HE WON'T TALK BACK!
HEY, JACK, IT'S ME - DANTON! ARE YOU OKAY?
Alfred Andriola
JUST AS I THOUGHT - ONE OF CHAN'S TRICKS! CONWAY IS - WH-HE'S MOVING!
OH, IT'S YOU, DANTON! GIVE ME A REEFER!
NO! NO! YOU'RE DEAD! I KILLED YOU ONCE!
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